



## Help From Our Neighbors

Room at the Inn is always seeking new congregations as night-shelter sites. Nearly 60 interfaith partner congregations provide their space and volunteers on the same night each month, once a month. Congregation volunteers are trained, directed and assisted by the Room at the Inn night site coordinator. We welcome your call to volunteer your facilities and caring members.

# Room at the Inn

Shelter with a purpose, Clients with a future



## Meeting a Need

Homelessness is a real and growing problem in St. Louis County. Room at the Inn is one of only three emergency shelter providers in the St. Louis County Continuum of Care. We shelter more than 200 people each year, about half of whom are children.

In addition to filling a need for safe shelter, Room at the Inn is the catalyst for engaging congregations and other organizations to become more directly involved with the homeless in a meaningful and manageable way.

Room at the Inn is a non-sectarian, non-discriminatory, 501(c)(3) agency, a member of the St. Louis County Homeless Services Providers Network, and meets all 20 BBB Wise Giving Alliance charity standards.



Please join our efforts to help our neighbors find housing and become self-sufficient.

## Mission Statement

Sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence, Room at the Inn provides emergency shelter and a stabilizing support system to women and families in need in St. Louis County, using a collaborative, interfaith effort of congregations and organizations throughout the St. Louis region.

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## A community-based program providing emergency shelter for women and families



A sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Divine Providence

“The *generosity* of Room’s night site congregations was a *blessing* to me.”

~ Lesly, former client

“It is not how much we *give*, but how much *love* we put into giving.” ~ Mother Teresa



## About Us

Room at the Inn is a temporary, emergency shelter for homeless women and families, regardless of the age or gender of the children. We empower program participants to create their own solution to their homelessness through education and referrals.

We serve about 200 people per year, including single mothers with their children, single women, two-parent or single-father families. With a capacity of 20 people per day, we assist the homeless from all areas of St. Louis County.

Sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence since 1993, Room at the Inn is a 501(c)(3) agency incorporated in Missouri.

We are bolstered by more than 2,000 regular yearly volunteers, representing 17 different faiths and a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds. We collaborate with more than 50 outside agencies to make needed services available for our clients.

**We are the catalyst for engaging the faith-based community in doing their part to help families struggling with homelessness.**



## The Shelter Provides ...

- Safe, clean, immediate housing
- Lunch and snacks
- Clothing and other personal items
- Case management, to help clients identify and correct the causes for their homelessness
- Physical and mental health evaluations
- Substance abuse evaluations and counseling
- Domestic abuse counseling
- Referrals to more than 50 outside agencies
- Life-skills classes, including financial management, parenting, job skills
- Showers, laundry and kitchen facilities
- Telephone, computer and Internet access
- Transportation to and from appropriate agencies/services
- Housing placement assistance
- A caring environment in which to regroup and begin again

## Night Sites Provide ...

- Transportation
- Hospitality and fellowship
- Sleeping arrangements
- Dinner and breakfast

“Room has meant *everything* to me.  
They *helped* me and I have learned so much.”

~Mrs. J, former client

## Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to Room at the Inn and help us meet our clients' physical and emotional needs.

Volunteer opportunities at the Bridgeton day site include:

- Office and data entry work
- Fundraising tasks
- Assistance with children
- Assistance with recreational and educational activities

Volunteer opportunities at the night sites include:

- Driving
- Cooking
- Providing hospitality and fellowship
- Serving as nighttime hosts

## Donations

Individuals, congregations, corporations, private foundations and local, state and federal government agencies assist the Sisters of Divine Providence in financial sponsorship of Room at the Inn.

In addition to cash donations, the following items are always needed:

- Gas cards, bus and MetroLink passes
- Clothing, shoes and coats
- Housewares
- Over the counter medications
- Paper products: bathroom tissue, paper towels, napkins, facial tissues
- Personal hygiene products and diapers
- All-purpose cleaners and laundry detergent