



Homelessness Services

Daybreak Shelter Network

Daybreak Shelter Network is a 15-bed shelter for homeless families and women escaping domestic violence. It operates through the generosity of 10 host and 18 supportive churches who help to host the families, and share meal and transportation duties. The shelter provides a permanent day center with shower facilities, laundry, computers, internet access and supportive services to assist guests in finding housing and employment. In FY 07-08, the Daybreak Shelter served 68 households comprised of 80 adults and 75 children for a total of 155 shelter guests. 76% of Daybreak shelter families moved directly to permanent, transitional, or safe and stable housing after leaving the shelter. The following churches are part of the Daybreak Shelter Network:

Host Churches

St. David of Wales Episcopal Church	Metro Church of Christ	Ascension Catholic Church
East County Church of Christ	Faith United Methodist Church	Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Park Rose United Methodist Church	Resurrection Lutheran Church	
Rose City Park United Methodist Church	Bennett Chapel United Methodist Church	

Supporting Churches

PDX Bible Church	St. Ignatius Catholic Church
St. Timothy Lutheran Church	Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Fremont United Methodist Church	Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Gresham United Methodist Church	Montavilla United Methodist Church
Gateway Baptist Church	Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church
Peace Church of the Bretheren	Cherry Park United Methodist Church
St. St. Philip Neri Catholic Church	St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal
All Saints Catholic Church	Waverly Heights United Church of Christ
	East Rose Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Housing First

Housing First is a national best practice model which embodies the philosophy that homeless families are better served the fewer times they have to move. This is especially true for children, who risk losing critical academic progress every time they have to change schools. Thus, homeless families are assisted with moving quickly into permanent housing, usually with a rent subsidy and intensive services. This year, we helped 61 homeless families comprised of 79 adults and 116 children through Housing First programs. 71% of families in the Housing First program maintained their housing for at least one year, and 90% of families served through Housing First kept their apartments when the subsidy ended.

Permanent and Long Term Supportive Housing

This is a special program for homeless families where an adult in the household has a disability and has had problems maintaining independent housing in the past. In FY 07-08, this program helped 23 households, comprised of 27 adults and 37 children, to receive permanent affordable housing with mental health and supportive services.

Transitional Housing

The Willow Tree transitional housing program helps homeless families who face many barriers to permanent housing, such as poor credit histories or previous evictions. Thirteen households, made up of 14 adults and 23 children benefited from transitional housing and 88% moved directly to permanent housing after the program. Income increased for 63% and maintained for 25% of these households. 88% made significant progress towards their goals during their time in transitional housing.