



LIFEHOUSE

LIFEHOUSE OF HOUSTON, INC. House Parents Job Description

LifeHouse is a Christ-centered sanctuary for women ages 12+ that are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Our desire is to turn the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy into an opportunity for growth for the pregnant woman and to ensure life for her unborn child. We facilitate this by providing a Christian family home setting under-girded by counseling, life skills instruction, and post-partum support.

LIFEHOUSE MISSIONARIES - HOUSE PARENTS

The model of ministry LifeHouse uses is a family model. In this family model we have primary house parents, but only the housemother is employed by LifeHouse. The house family lives in the ministry house and receives free room and board. The housefather receives no cash compensation from LifeHouse and is asked to work part or full-time outside the home. We ask that the housefather participate in the ministry as stated in the job description below and receive the non-cash benefits from the ministry as compensation. The house mother will report directly to the Director of Residential Programs and will be supported and encouraged by the Program Team based at the campus in Southeast Houston, and the Executive Director and Administrative Team at the office in central Houston.

House Parents Basic Duties:

This urban missionary opportunity asks House parents (and children) to minister to and live in a family environment with mothers and their newborns, as well as model the love of Christ through personal actions and lifestyle to residents. House parents serve as role models of a biblically based, Christ-loving family, providing love with structure to women who may have had little of either in their lives.

Overview of Responsibilities of House Mother

1. Model being a Christian wife/mother/woman to the residents.

2. Be willing to pray, lead family devotions, share the gospel, and disciple the residents as the Spirit leads and opportunities arise.
3. Participate in ministry staff meetings, program team meetings, and board meetings as requested.
4. Plan, purchase and supervise preparation of well-balanced, nutritious meals for the residents and your family. Eat together with residents, family-style, especially dinners, on a regular basis.
5. Use good judgment in recognizing sickness and problems associated with newborns, new moms, etc. Ensure that each resident keeps her postnatal care appointments.
6. Teach residents good habits for personal hygiene and home maintenance.

Overview of Responsibilities of the House Father:

1. Model being a Christian husband/father/man to the residents. Provide a spiritual covering for your family and the home.
2. Be willing to pray, lead family devotionals, share the gospel, and disciple as opportunities arise.
3. Maintain routine upkeep on the ministry house and ministry van as much as abilities allow. Request household repairs as needed to the Director of Residential Programs. Lawn care to be provided by the ministry. If provided by the housefather, cash compensation will be given.