



How YOU Can Help.

- Tour our campus or visit our website, share with others about the exciting things going on at Laura's Home and the other programs of The City Mission. You may be the missing link who connects us to vital people and resources so we can do more.
- Become a volunteer – we need a variety of skills, talents, experiences and passions!
- Contribute online, by the mail or regularly through your employer or by joining our Circle of Friends (monthly partners).
- Participate in our fundraisers as a volunteer or by inviting others, ask about our special needs, or join our Diaper Club.
- Pray for the women and children, staff, volunteers, and graduates of Laura's Home.

The City Mission does not receive any government funding. Operations are funded through private contributions from individuals, companies, groups and foundations.



About The City Mission

The City Mission serves thousands of individuals annually at two different Cleveland locations through short-term and long-term programs for men, women and children who are homeless or facing other crises; spiritual aid for those incarcerated; and dynamic programs for youth and their families throughout the year.

History of The City Mission

The City Mission has been meeting the needs of the poor and homeless since our doors opened in 1910 in an abandoned saloon on Superior Avenue. As the population of Cleveland and its needs changed, so did the Mission. In the 1970's, the population of homeless women and children gradually increased. The Mission responded by opening Angeline Christian Home in 1981. In the early 1990s, the Mission's ministries to homeless men, youth, and the poor moved to its current location at E. 55th and Carnegie Avenue. Laura's Home opened in 2003 with 136 beds in 51 suites, eventually replacing Angeline Christian Home.

Our Mission Statement:

Providing help & hope to all people through the transforming power of God's love.

Our Core Values:

Gospel, Transformation, Service, Diversity, People, Prayer



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For more information on Laura's Home, contact the Development Department of The City Mission.

LAURA'S HOME

for women & children



The beginning of the journey from homelessness to wholeness





Some women and children come for a couple of days or weeks – that’s all they need to start over.

Some learn about us from other social service agencies, hospitals, friends, or by calling 211 (First Call for Help). Some come because family dropped them off – there is nothing more they can do. Some come from prison and never want to go back – they want to stay away from the people and places that got them there. Some have been here before - and want to try again. Some come to change their lives forever – and will do whatever it takes to make that happen.

Most just don’t have any other place to go.

There are no typical stories and there is no typical response at Laura’s Home... because it isn’t your typical shelter. The 136 beds are arranged in 51 clean, inviting, private suites or rooms. Since February 14, 2003, any woman, single or having up to 8 children, can find a warm bed, meals, basic necessities and hope at Laura’s Home.

She’ll also find a dining hall, computer learning center, library, exercise room, laundry rooms, childcare area for her infants, toddlers & preschoolers and students when school is not in session, lounges and game room, arts & crafts room, hair care salon, clinic, visitation rooms, activity room, and a chapel plus outdoor recreation areas, including a playground, basketball court and pavilion. Family activities and day camp will be accessible during school breaks for her children.

She’ll learn about her options and resources in the community and at Laura’s Home. Her children will be enrolled in local schools through Project ACT if they cannot continue at their current school.

She’ll have the opportunity to join the 6-month long-term program. It is a ‘time out’ from the stress of providing shelter and food and paying bills so she can focus on the root issues that led to her crisis or series of crises.

Once accepted into the program, she’ll start a new life. She’ll have a learning assessment and develop an educational plan, participate in life-skills classes that will help her live successfully. She’ll complete onsite service hours in a specialty that strengthens her job skills and can be listed on a resume. She’ll attend group meetings, receive Christian guidance and have a local church family for involvement in the community of Christ. And there’s always some wonderful surprise events and gifts around the holidays and ‘just because we care’ through the generosity of our volunteers and donors.

We’ll then continue walking with her through this *journey of hope* through graduation and beyond.

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