

Seeking Host Family for Hospitality House Program

Background. Since 1986 the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless has run a transitional housing program for working families that are homeless called Hospitality House. Modeled after the Houses of Hospitality started by Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker, the houses provide temporary housing to families as they heal, regroup and return to independent housing. Families typically stay 6-9 months. The houses are set up where each family has their own bedrooms and bathroom and share kitchen and community room. Each family has a Host Family that is there to provide supervision, build community and be a general support. The program also employs a case manager to assist the family with developing and enacting their plan to get back to independent living.

Current Status: The Host Family in one of our houses has moved on after providing many years of service to our families. The living space is a two-bedroom independent (separate) apartment in the house. There is also an ample backyard. We are seeking a couple who are interested in acting as the Host Family for 3-5 years. A formal job description is attached. While not required, a working ability to communicate in Spanish is very helpful as many of our guest are Spanish speaking. The adults in the family can work during the day. Children are welcome (Elizabeth has some of the best schools in NJ). There are Catholic Schools in the surrounding towns.

Compensation: Families are not charged rent in lieu of time given. Families are responsible for utilities including cable (agency covers water and sewer).

Interested families should contact Linda Flores-Tober, Executive Director at 908-355-2060 x201 or email at linda@theelizabethcoalition.org