



Driven by faith to bring healing, housing, and hope
to the Lehigh Valley's most vulnerable.

Lazarus House

A Stable Shelter and a Ray of Hope

Few prisoners have a loving family waiting their return. Kinfolk may have died, moved away, or made it clear that the returning citizen is unwelcome. Sometimes, legal reasons prevent a returning citizen from going home. That's why so many newly released inmates end up in homeless shelters. Of these, an estimated 68 percent will re-offend within three years. **As a recognized authority in helping families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness back to a state of independence, The Conference of Churches took over Lazarus House in 2015 from St. John's UCC in Nazareth.** The program provides returning citizens with a soft landing and a helping hand as they fight to transition from incarceration to society.

Lazarus House addresses the three top reasons that most returning citizens fail to successfully transition:

1. Insufficient income to afford an apartment on their own
2. Absence or estrangement of family members who might otherwise provide a place to live
3. Lack of the supportive relationships

Today, more than one in every 100 Americans is behind bars. Their spouses, children, parents, or other relatives may be sitting in your church pews.

**Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
(Matthew 25:36 KJV)**

To learn more about ways you can play a role in our Lazarus House ministry, contact Program Manager Henry Moore at (610) 433-6421 or visit <https://lehighchurches.org/the-lazarus-house/>.