



Room at the Inn is a 24-hour emergency shelter for women and families dealing with the complex issues of homelessness.

Since 1993, the Sisters of Divine Providence, in partnership with more than 50 interfaith congregations and organizations have provided a comprehensive program of support to women and families struggling with homelessness. Room at the Inn is integrated in the St. Louis County community through thousands of volunteers who focus on meeting the needs of the homeless with compassion and dignity.

Rooms at the Inn's goals are to provide safe, clean shelter and meals for women and families, and to help them regain self-sufficiency and prevent future episodes of homelessness.

Room at the Inn serves up to 20 people daily, about half of whom are children. Room at the Inn has a unique model, operating with a single day site and more than 50 night sites. At the shelter during the day, clients work to identify and correct the root causes of their homelessness. In the evenings, two hosting congregations create a welcoming night-site environment where clients and host share meals, fellowship and a safe place to sleep. Our partner congregations represent numerous different faith traditions and a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds.

*Meeting a Need*

Homelessness is a real and growing problem in St. Louis County. Room at the Inn is one of only three emergency shelter providers in St. Louis County, accounting for 15% of the beds for homeless women and families.

We shelter more than 200 people each year, half of whom are children.

In addition to filling a need for safe shelter, Room at the Inn is a catalyst for engaging congregations and other organizations to become more directly involved with the homeless in a meaningful and manageable way.

Room at the Inn is a non-sectarian, non-discriminatory, 501(c) (3) agency, a member of the St. Louis County Homeless Services Providers Network, and an entry point to the St. Louis County Continuum of Care.

*The Shelter Provides*

- Safe, clean, immediate housing
- Lunch and snacks
- Case management, to help clients identify and correct the root-cause issues for their homelessness
- Physical and mental health evaluations
- Substance abuse evaluations and counseling
- Domestic abuse counseling
- Goal-setting assistance and follow-up
- Referrals to more than 35 outside agencies
- Life-skills classes, including financial management, parenting, job skills
- Showers, laundry and kitchen facilities
- Telephone, computer and Internet access
- Transportation to and from appropriate agencies/ services
- Housing placement assistance

*Night Sites Provide...*

Transportation ...Hospitality and fellowship....Sleeping arrangements...Dinner and breakfast

**Starting April 13<sup>th</sup> All Saints Parish will become a Night Site Provider**

Please stop by the information/volunteer sign-up booth in the parish center lobby after all masses this weekend March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

**All volunteers must have attended the Protecting God's children workshop.**

**See bulletin for next workshop held here at All Saints Tuesday, March 24, from 6:30 to 9:00pm**

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Information also on the All Saints Parish web site [www.allsaints-stpeters.org](http://www.allsaints-stpeters.org)