



## PHILOSOPHY OF PARTNERSHIP

At The Restoration House, not only do we seek the restoration of single mother families but we also seek the health of the local community. Because of this we place a high value on partnership and cooperation, which we believe is a sign of a healthy community.

There is a lot of good being done all over East Tennessee and the last thing we want to do is duplicate those good efforts. Our desire is to fill in gaps, in the areas of supportive transitional housing and mentoring, for low-income single mother families while partnering with others to address the holistic needs of the family.

We are partnering with many different groups representing the faith, private, civic, and public sectors of the community to accomplish the mission of The Restoration House.

## CURRENT PARTNERS:

If you would like to see a complete list of current TRH partners please visit the website at [www.therestorationhouse.net](http://www.therestorationhouse.net).



If you or your organization would like to explore the possibility of partnering with The Restoration House then please contact us at one of the following:

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*In Partnership  
with the  
Local Community...*

*Helping to restore single  
mothers and their children  
back to God's good intent  
for their lives...*

# The Restoration House in Partnership with the Local...

## FAITH COMMUNITY

At The Restoration House (TRH) we believe partnership with the local church is a necessity if single mother families are going to be successful. There are many ways TRH is partnering with local churches in serving low-income single mother families throughout the area. Here are just a few of those ways:

**Mentoring** - A church or a group of churches provide a diverse group of 8 to 12 mentors for each participating family. These mentor groups are one of the most crucial factors in the restoration of the family because of the social network that is built through these relationships.

**Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)** - These matched savings accounts are used to build the capacity to gain assets like secondary education and homeownership. A partner church has the option of supplying the 3:1 match for a family's IDA.

**Adopt-A-Unit** - A church may also agree to provide a participating family's apartment with furniture, household items, and/or basic maintenance. These items are available to the participating family to take with them when they transition into permanent housing.

**Volunteers** - Churches are able to provide volunteers in many other areas besides mentoring; such as spiritual formation, childcare, office support, public relations, and others. Please visit the TRH website for a detailed listing of volunteer opportunities.

**Referrals** - All of the families who come to TRH are referred. Churches are able to make referrals to TRH.

**Financial Support** - Some churches choose to support TRH through one-time or regular financial gifts.

## SOCIAL SERVICE COMMUNITY

At The Restoration House we try to be excellent at three things: transitional housing, mentoring, and service planning. In order to be successful at service planning we have to know our limitations as well as other's strengths.

The single mother families we work with often need better jobs, more reliable transportation, improved life management skills, financial literacy training, a better outlook of themselves, permanent housing (in time), as well as a host of other things. We would be foolish to try and provide all of those resources, services, and training to the families who come to TRH because there are already so many doing tremendous work in these areas. A key element in service Planning for us is knowing which organizations in the Knoxville area do what really well, which ones will work with low-income single mother families, and which ones will make good partners with TRH. Here are some of the ways TRH partners with the local social service community:

**Training** - Organizations provide training in specific areas to families as a part of the family's covenant with The Restoration House. Some of the types of training include, but are not limited to: job preparedness, financial literacy, life management skills, asset development, etc.

**Material Assistance** - Organizations assist families with material needs such as basic household items, furniture, and permanent housing, etc.

**Referrals** - Social service organizations are able to make referrals to TRH. For a complete list of qualifications for eligible families please consult the TRH website.

## BUSINESS COMMUNITY

At The Restoration House we know it is important to build solid relationships within the local business community. There are elements to TRH that require specific knowledge and expertise in various fields. Many of the needs of the families we work with are addressed by partnering with businesses who specialize in specific areas. Here are a just a few ways a business can partner with TRH:

**Services/Resource/Discount Provider** - We want the women and children at TRH to grow in their view of themselves and begin to see themselves as God sees them. This sometimes begins with health and physical appearance. TRH partners with local business to provide opportunities for physical fitness as well as cosmetology.

One of the most essential tools needed when working toward financial self-sufficiency is reliable transportation. We partner with local auto dealers to provide reliable discounted cars to TRH families.

**Recycling** - We believe that we are suppose to take care of the creation. A business can partner with TRH to recycle cell phones, toner, and ink cartridges which also supports TRH.

**Sponsorship & Financial Support** - There are various times throughout the year when TRH partners with local businesses by soliciting sponsorship for various community and fundraising events.

TRH is developing the capacity and resources needed to purchase an apartment complex to run the program out of. We welcome support from local businesses in this endeavor.