

Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House

...responds to the immediate needs of homeless families by providing temporary shelter, food and support services in a caring atmosphere of dignity and safety. More than providing just a bed and a roof for families, the goal is to support them in securing and maintaining their own home.

Leadership...

Under the guidance of an independent board of directors and executive director, trained case managers and other professional staff work with each family, providing intensive family-centered planning (Family Wraparound) to move families from shelter to permanent housing.

Support congregations from around the area continue to provide daily meals and on-site support.

The program...

The Family Wraparound Team is created shortly after the family takes up residence at Alpha House. They make a 9-month commitment to work to meet the family's goals. The Wraparound Team is composed of key professionals employed at the shelter, natural supports identified by the family as well as trained volunteers from the community.

The families...

IHN provides shelter to more than 40 families each year. An additional 90 families receive ancillary support services such as housing search assistance, case management, and post-shelter follow-up. All IHN services focus on providing a healthy, safe environment for families as they strive to get back on their feet.

What can you do to end homelessness?

EDUCATE...yourself, your family, friends, colleagues and community on the causes and solutions to homelessness. Go on the web and type in "homeless + families" or "homeless + Michigan."

ADVOCATE...for policies and programs that effectively serve homeless people.

ASK...when you donate good and services. Find out what homeless people and providers can really use and need.

VOLUNTEER...your time and your talents. Contact Heidi Beck at hbeck@alphahouse-ihn.org

SHARE...your resources. There is a wish list which will be published in Chips and on our website.

For more information, see their website at: www.alphahouse-ihn.org