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Join us! Participate in the Ministry of Christ.

Mission

Ruth means “compassion.” **Harbor** means “a safe place.”

Through grace, Ruth Harbor provides Christ-centered homes, programs and comprehensive services resulting in positive life change for young moms who are facing unplanned pregnancies or parenting young children.

Program

- Goal – to prepare the young women we serve for independent living.
- Under the guidance and direction of live-in house parents, professional counselor, and caseworker, women live together as a family, learning to care for both their home, one another, and their children (if parenting).
- While at Ruth Harbor women receive:

Housing	Transportation
24/7 On-Site Staff	Employment / Education support
Quality Healthcare	Emotional Healing
Financial Stability	Spiritual Guidance
Life Skills Training	Professional Counseling
Parent Training and/or Adoption Assistance	
- Housing a maximum of 9 residents, and their children, in 2 homes; our family models “home” versus “institution.”
- Emphasis on grace and independent living versus circumstances that brought them here.
- We collaborate with partner agencies (mentors, host homes, employment, doulas, etc.).
- Subject matter experts provide information on parenting, adoption, and life-skill training.
- Staff: Executive Director, Program Director, Counselor, Caseworker, House Parents (full-time and backup), Development Specialist, Office Manager, and Financial & Database Coordinator.

History

- Idea founded in 1996; purchased and renovated property; opened on Mother’s Day, 2001.
- 2015 – expanded services to include young women with their babies *after* giving birth.
- 2018 – purchase a second home to house more clients and live more deeply into mission.

Funding

- Individuals 70%
- Corporations 7%
- Churches 10%
- Community Giving Programs 7%
- Foundations 6%

(Ruth Harbor does not utilize state or federal funds)

How can you participate?

To participate:

- **Pray** – join our prayer team to be involved in specifically praying for clients/children.
- **Volunteer** – rake, garden, cook, errands, or see needed positions listed on our website.
- **Refer** – introduce your church, your small group, or those in need of services.
- **Contribute** – on line, by phone, monthly, one time, check, auto withdrawal, a non-cash contribution, or Legacy for Life Endowment Fund planned giving.

To learn more, visit our web site: www.RuthHarbor.org

The focus of Ruth Harbor is the young women and their children. We are “Making a Difference; Two Lives at a Time!” Ruth Harbor is an important alternative for pregnant young women who might otherwise not choose life for their child and for new moms who need additional assistance.

Your financial contribution will help provide the following for a Ruth Harbor resident:

- Housing and food;
- Loving support and supervision of House Parents (24 hours/7days a week);
- Spiritual guidance (conversations in both formal and informal settings);
- Professional counseling (addressing pregnancy AND many issues beyond);
- Individually tailored care plan (reviewed and revised as needed);
- Guidance through a maze of health care, insurance, and community support programs;
- Transportation (School, work, church, doctor appointments, job interviews);
- Life-skill training (menu and meal planning, laundry, housekeeping, etc.);
- Specialized training (financial, parenting classes, the adoption process);
- Individually designed after-care program (mentoring, shepherding homes); and
- Referral and connection with other support programs and agencies that will increase their likelihood of success.

Results! Young women who engage in the Ruth Harbor program are:

- Changing their negative decision-making cycles;
- Rebuilding relationships with family and friends;
- Receiving quality healthcare for themselves and their child;
- Developing proper expectations regarding parenting and the courageous decision to place their child in a loving home through adoption;
- Making prayerful, educated choices about parenting or placing their baby;
- Getting on their feet financially;
- Establishing a healthier work ethic;
- Reestablishing their self-esteem and value in God’s eyes as well as their own;
- Learning everyday skills (greeting others, respect, taking responsibility); and
- Continuing their relationship with us even after they become “alumni.” They are requesting informal advice on everything from purchasing a car to the scary thought of dating again. They are blessing us with their comments and appreciation for life-change that has been identified with their stay here – life change that often includes a new relationship with God.