



cityhouse
Delray Beach

CHRONICLES

OUR PROMISE

CityHouse Delray Beach is a social-impact organization that provides hope & renewal to homeless single mothers and their children. Founded in 2014, we are a long-term, supportive, transformational living program. One of our key principles is to maintain communication with our supporters. We invite you to experience the journey of our work through the stories captured in the CityHouse Chronicles. Our hope is that you feel more engaged with the mission and come to know the families that call CityHouse their home.



PREVENTION

As a part of our mission, we are working hard to empower our children and create an environment for a better future. The children at CityHouse are starting off their school year on a good note by getting involved in sports and other after school activities. "I'm so proud of my child for being elected as Vice President of their class. I feel that this is going to help my child feel more confident. My other child is enjoying dance classes and has started playing the cello. I am proud of my children getting good grades and weekly reports from their teacher."



RESTORATION

We believe in the process of mending the broken. Having to rebuild your whole life is something that seems unattainable for a homeless single mother. " Before CityHouse, I was living in my car and I felt like I had no hope. Ever since I have moved into CityHouse, I am at peace with my life. I was able to pursue a higher paying job and to have the ability to help provide more for me and my child. I am on my way to obtaining my high school diploma and then eventually go into college."



HOPE

CityHouse mentors the mothers and children in our program through hope and perseverance. This is what a hope journey looks like for one of our families. "After being here for a year at CityHouse, I have been able to accomplish so many of my goals that were not possible, and had been out of my reach while homeless. I am now the custodial parent of my three year old. I graduated in June with my Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies and I was hired by a large Personal Injury Law Firm. I recently furthered my career by taking the test and obtaining my bond to become a Florida Notary."

SUCCESS STORY

"Before I came to Cityhouse, I lived a stressful and very wild lifestyle until I was blessed by becoming a mother. There were mistakes that I had made that I wasn't going to be held accountable for. There were things that I was doing that I wasn't willing to accept responsibility for. The choices and decisions that I was making in my life had become so normal to me that I didn't even see the damage that I was doing to my life as well as my children's lives. At one point in my life, I lost everything. I was forced out of my home and my children and I had become homeless. For the next year and eight months, we went from hotel to hotel and struggled to eat. As I went through this, at some point I was able to give up and drop down to my knees and pray and ask God if he could help me because I could not do it anymore. As I struggled with my own personal demons: depression, panic attacks, and severe anxiety, I was on my way to giving up everything. God answered my prayers and led me to the Lewis Center. I was grateful enough to meet with the CityHouse Staff and do an intake interview for their newfound program. As I met with them and I gave them a layout of what I was going through, I saw the compassion in their eyes as they welcomed me. I came to CityHouse very broken and very damaged and so unaware that I was so off track with life that I knew that I had to make a change not only for myself but for the two children that depend on me every day. As I was willing to make a change in my life, I had to find out what I was doing wrong. I was a huge procrastinator and I never was trying to be held accountable for any of my wrongdoing. As I opened up my heart and my mind and accepted Jesus into my life, I let go of all of the negativity in my life. I was willing to make a difference. I was willing to change. I was willing to be a better parent, a better mother, and a better human being. I have been accepted into my spiritual family at the Avenue Church and I finally got the chance to feel what real love and support felt like. CityHouse has provided all the resources that I needed to help build my life from the ground up. My children came here in such a lost state but as they grew in the positive environment around them, they began to blossom and step out of their shell. Not only did we heal as individuals but we also healed as a family. During my time here, I was able to attend therapy and get to the root of some of my main issues. I began to take back control of my life. I began to take the wheel and was able to make the proper decisions that I needed to become a better person. I was able to obtain my high school diploma as well as graduate from cosmetology school. My journey has been filled with ups and downs but with the help of my community, I was able to overcome every obstacle. I was able to make it through every mistake that I had made to a better life. As I have graduated from this program I am currently enrolled in school to obtain my Bachelors in Psychology and Behavior Analysis. I am able to maintain my bills and to be independent without having to go backwards in life. I will forever be grateful for this program.

- CITYHOUSE GRADUATE

UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, September 25, 2018
12:30 PM
CityHouse Delray Beach

If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner, please go to www.cityhousedelray.com/pray



Saturday, October 13, 2018
6:30 PM
Les Jardins Clubhouse

Tickets: \$150 per person
Register at www.cityhousedelray.com/poker



Thursday, November 15, 2018
6:00 PM
CityHouse Delray Beach

CityHouse invites you to an evening in the garden as we celebrate our Pave the Way to Hope Ribbon-Cutting.
RSVP: www.cityhousedelray.com/OpenHouse



Saturday, December 8, 2018
7:30 AM
Spanish River Church

Registration: \$30 per person
Register at www.riverrun5k.net



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jeanne Bilbo has been a recent volunteer for CityHouse and has brought a lot of love and support for the organization and the families. As a local artist, she generously donated her talents to the Seaside Soirée. She also volunteered many hours painting and helping with our apartments by participating in our property work days. We are so thankful to have a volunteer like Jeanne who uses her talented gifts to help expand our outreach in the community. Thanks for all that you do! If you are interested in volunteering, please go to www.cityhousedelray.com/getinvolved.



ALUMNI UPDATE

"Everything has been great since I left CityHouse. I have been learning to adjust to life and learning how to be accountable with myself first with my finances. I have been able to create more short term goals for myself. CityHouse has equipped me with a lot of tools to be successful and has lead me to be more financially stable for me and my family. I have also developed a stronger relationship with God. I understand that as a child of God that I am more than a conqueror through Christ that strengthens me. I am grateful for the people at CityHouse who have planted words of wisdom and encouragement into my life."



PRAYER POCKET

Please keep our CityHouse families in your prayers as they continue to make great strides towards improving their lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Health and safety for each mother and child
- CityHouse Graduates
- Success for our upcoming events
- Volunteers/Mentors
- Wisdom for Board of Directors
- Families to grow in their understanding of the gospel