

# 2013 Successes



**SAINT LOUISE HOUSE**  
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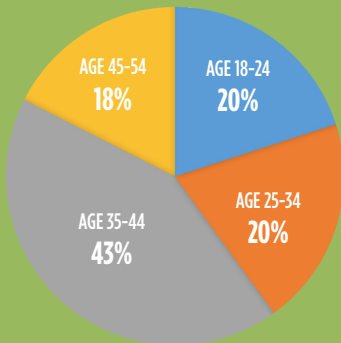
## WHO



### 40 MOTHERS

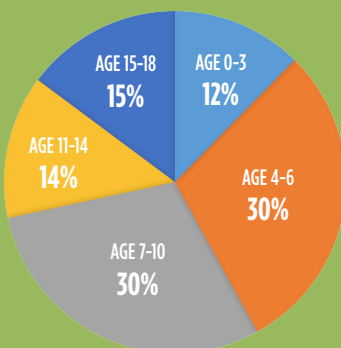
and their families received housing and support services at SLH, including 79 children

### WHO WE SERVE: MOTHERS



Average Age:  
36 years

### WHO WE SERVE: CHILDREN



Average Age:  
8 years

## HOW



**100% OF FAMILIES**

have access to adequate and nutritious food



**100% OF FAMILIES**

receive support accessing affordable childcare



**100% OF FAMILIES**

receive support purchasing school supplies



**100% OF FAMILIES**

have access to on-site case management services, employment counseling, and life skills training.

## WHAT

Among countless other successes...



**5 FAMILIES**

achieved their goals and moved out of SLH into stable housing



**5 FAMILIES**

found safety and support by moving into SLH



**95% OF FAMILIES**

have remained safely at SLH or moved onto safe, stable housing elsewhere



**90% OF MOTHERS**

were working, in school, or both



**100% OF CHILDREN**

successfully completed their grade level this year

## WHERE

AUSTIN, TEXAS



**100+ VOLUNTEERS**



**50+ VOLUNTEER GROUPS**

representing the central Texas area

contributed more than  
**7,400 HOURS**



to ensure the families at Saint Louise House experienced the love and support of a community.

Volunteers hosted drives, planned events (including our annual Mother and Me Tea and Sips and Salsa Soirée!), delivered groceries, planted gardens, painted fences, built playgrounds and lending libraries, baked birthday cakes, tutored, and much, much more.

**WHY?** To empower women with children to overcome homelessness in central Texas

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## A **Community** Helping Single Mothers with Children Overcome Homelessness

Founded in 2000, Saint Louise House provides deeply affordable housing and essential services to mothers and children experiencing homelessness in Austin. Saint Louise House has grown from five apartments in 2001 to two 24-unit apartment complexes and the capacity to serve 34 families.

At Saint Louise House, families are embraced and encouraged to be a part of our supportive community as they work or attend school. Saint Louise House collaborates with our families as well as our partner organizations, donors and volunteers to help single mothers with children achieve self-sufficiency and pursue safe, healthy and hope-filled futures.

**Our on-site licensed social workers join with a community of volunteers and donors to make Saint Louise House *home*:**

**Volunteers** assist with apartment set-up, childcare, grounds maintenance, program events, purchasing, office support, food pantry pick-up, making meals for program activity nights, our annual fundraising events, and special projects. Volunteers also provide professional services, including graphic design, legal assistance, dental services, and much more.

**Investments** of all sizes help us continue providing housing and supportive services when single women-led families need them most. Thirty-four families currently live at Saint Louise House, yet many more are on our waiting list.

- An investment of \$68 supports a family for a day.
- An investment of \$480 supports a family for a week.
- An investment of \$25,000 supports a family for a year.

*An investment in Saint Louise House is an investment in the future of a family.*



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*“Saint Louise House made me feel like I mattered. I felt like finally I have a partner. For the first time, I felt like I wasn’t alone.”*

– Saint Louise House mother



*“When you walk into a shelter you are broken. My life and my heart were broken into a million pieces. Saint Louise House has helped me put those pieces back together.”*

–Saint Louise House alumna