Saint Louise House provides mothers the stability of a home as well as the support they need to develop economic security for themselves and for their children.
At Saint Louise House, we hold strongly to the idea that housing is a fundamental human need and necessary to improve quality of life. Without a stable, reliable and certain place to live, everything else simply falls apart. We know that the first step out of poverty is into a home.

Housing stability establishes a positive framework through which to experience life, providing the emotional foothold which allows women to invest in their home, social relationships and personal development as well as to develop economic security for themselves and for their children.

In 2017, you, our community of support, embraced 41 families, including 97 children. You made it possible for us to open additional homes. You also did much more than just house families experiencing homelessness. You made it possible for us to provide wraparound support for their health and well-being, education and employment. And then you embraced them and showed them love. You provided mothers practical support for childcare and transportation so they could work more hours or improve their education while also providing emotional support through delivery of birthday cakes and meals. You made it possible for us to strengthen our two-generation approach to supporting families by deepening our direct support for children. And then you provided those children with everything from backpacks and school supplies to gifts and holiday cheer. Your legacy is a new legacy for mothers, their children, and their children’s children.

Our vision for the coming year is to continue growing to serve more families, to continue deepening our support for two generations at a time, and to strengthen the ways that we engage the entire community in this endeavor.

I am grateful to you for all you have made possible and I hope you will continue to be a part of a legacy of empowering women with children to overcome homelessness.

- Laura Ward, Executive Director

Our Mission
To empower women with children to overcome homelessness.
At StarKids!, our social and emotional learning workshop for children ages 6–12, children created representations of their families out of playdough while identifying and talking about their family’s strengths.
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Highly-Individualized

Saint Louise House meets every mother and every child right where they are and ensures that they have the support they need to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency. Rent, time in program, and goals are all individually tailored to meet the needs of each family.

Two-Generation

Saint Louise House addresses the needs of mothers and children simultaneously so that both can achieve their full potential. This whole-family approach breaks the cycle of poverty for two generations at a time.

We envision a Central Texas community where every family can thrive together in safe, stable housing.
41 mothers found support for improving education and employment opportunities and a partner on their journeys out of homelessness through intensive case management with weekly goal setting.

97 children thrived in a safe and supportive environment that provided social and emotional learning groups at each age level, counseling, and support for participation in extracurricular activities.

6 families found the skills, resources, and confidence they needed to graduate out of Saint Louise House into other stable housing.

9 families who were homeless at the beginning of the year found a home at Saint Louise House in 2017 and began their journeys out of homelessness and poverty.
“Their caring and concern taught me that I was important to them, it also taught me that I am important to my son and myself. I learned to care for my son in the best way and I also learned to love myself.”

Angela (name changed to protect her privacy) and her son came to Saint Louise House needing more than just a stable home. They both needed treatment for anxiety, depression, and other mental health diagnoses resulting from years of abuse and trauma. Angela needed education and job training if she were to grow beyond her minimum wage job. Her son needed a strong advocate to manage his medication and ensure he received appropriate behavioral support at home and at school.

They found all this support and more at Saint Louise House.

When Angela and her son graduated from Saint Louise House in 2017, she had completed her Associate’s degree and been offered a full-time job. Using her own strengths and empathy, she was a mentor to other Saint Louise House mothers, encouraging them to have faith in themselves. Through pursuit of higher education and training, she had become a volunteer sponsor and a professional therapist, supporting others on their journeys of healing. Most importantly, her son was thriving at home and at school.

Saint Louise House provided an opportunity for two generations, Angela and her son, to build new legacies for the future.
The Saint Louise House case management team build strong, supportive relationships with mothers and children based on the mantra of “doing for, doing with, cheering on!”
Community of Support

Saint Louise House is more than just a stable home for families. It is an entire community of support working together to provide pathways out of poverty to mothers and children.

Staff partner with families as mothers and children discover and build upon their own strengths, resources, and abilities, building confidence as they build self-sufficiency.

Volunteers deliver birthday cakes and meals for special days, prepare apartments for new families, provide childcare, and supply the administrative and program support necessary to keep Saint Louise House more than a home for families.

Donors and Legacy Circle Members provide Saint Louise House with the financial stability and resources needed to ensure that every family is able to complete their journey from homelessness to lives outside poverty.

Partner Organizations make it possible for us to expand the breadth and depth of services we offer to families as they heal from the wounds of homelessness and strengthen self-sufficiency.

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

- Saint Louise House Alumna
Volunteers and donors ensure that families move into fully-furnished and beautifully decorated apartments. When a family graduates to stability, they take everything in the apartment with them to their new home.
100+ volunteers

- 10 apartments furnished and decorated
- 280 meals delivered and shared
- 250 hours of shopping & administrative support
- 30 evenings of childcare provided

6,000+ hours of service to Saint Louise House families
Legacy Circle Leaders Jack Gullahorn and Letty Landa and Saint Louise House Board Chair Molly Trexler present Austin Bishop Emeritus John McCarthy the Sister Sharon Groetsch “See the Need” Vincentian Spirit Award at the Legacy Circle inaugural event.
We are all building a legacy regardless of our age, sphere of influence or net worth. Leaving a legacy is about having influence well into the future. Legacy building for an organization is about ensuring the long-term viability and leaving it stronger, more productive, and more valuable than it was before. Legacy building for the next generation is about personal interactions meaningful enough to leave an imprint on them.

The Saint Louise House Legacy Circle, formed in 2017, is the very foundation of the community of support we provide for families that reverberates for generations to come.

In addition to annual financial commitments of $1,000 or a lifetime commitment of over $5,000, members support Saint Louise House families by sharing their expertise, relationships and passion for our mission.

The dedication and commitment of Legacy Circle members gives Saint Louise House the financial stability it needs to say yes to families, whether they need support for a few months or a few years. The intangible impact that is made through our relationship is stronger more stable families, who were formerly homeless, now enriching our entire community with their great potential.

Join our Legacy Circle to become more intimately connected to the future of Saint Louise House.
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Micaela Aleman
Kristin Armstrong
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Donald Atkins
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City of Austin
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Join the Saint Louise House Community of Support for Families!

Saint Louise House is grateful to those who contribute their time, talent, and treasure to support our families.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, in-kind or financial donations, or special events, check out our webpage at www.saintlouisehouse.org or contact volunteer@saintlouisehouse.org.

We appreciate all who contribute to supporting Saint Louise House families. A complete list of 2017 financial donors can be found at www.saintlouisehouse.org.
**2017 Saint Louise House Families**

### Prior Experiences
- **Homelessness**: 100%*
- **Domestic Violence**: 78%

*Living in a shelter, car, hotel, or couch-surfing

### Annual Household Income on Entry
- <$10,000 (59%)
- $10,000-$20,000 (22%)
- $20,000-$32,000 (20%)

### Ages Served
- 0-5: 20
- 6-11: 48
- 12-18: 22
- 19-24: 10
- 25-35: 15
- 36+: 22
To strengthen self-sufficiency and gain economic security, these families need more than a roof over their heads. They need stable housing paired with wraparound services.

2017 expenses totaled $1,256,683 and revenues were $2,088,109. Financial statements audited by independent auditors Reynolds & Franke, PC, who expressed an unqualified opinion.
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