



Friends of **GUEST HOUSE**



OUR WORK

Friends of Guest House serves women across our three core programs: Residential, Aftercare, and Outreach.

RESIDENTIAL

Thanks to you, 71 women participated in the Friends of Guest House six-month residential program. Guest House is the **ONLY** prison-to-community reentry program in Northern Virginia, and the largest in the state of Virginia, that is tailored to women's unique needs—and that addresses those needs comprehensively, spanning healthcare, jobs, education, housing, and family/community reconnection.

AFTERCARE

In Fiscal Year 2020, the Aftercare program served 81 women who successfully completed the Residential program. Thanks to you, they received continued case management and support services to help meet the challenges of independent living.

OUTREACH

The non-residential outreach program provided case management and support services to 96 women who moved directly from incarceration to community housing. Case managers helped women meet basic needs, navigate public assistance systems, acquire affordable housing, obtain employment, and re-establish their role as a parent. Guest House also delivered pre-release services, including mentoring and workforce and life skills, to 86 women who were incarcerated in the Alexandria, Arlington, and Prince William Adult Detention Centers.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

ABOUT

Friends of Guest House helps women successfully reenter the community from incarceration. Since our founding in 1974, Guest House has helped more than 4,000 women break the vicious cycle of incarceration, reunite with their families, and reintegrate into their communities.

MISSION

To provide formerly incarcerated women the structure, supervision, support, and assistance they need to move beyond who they were to become who they want to be.

VISION

We envision a world where your past does not define your future.

OUR IMPACT THANKS TO YOU, WE...



Supported 316 reentering women across all of our programs

- Supported 71 women in our Residential Program
- Supported 81 women in our Aftercare Program
- Supported 86 pre-release and 96 post-release women in our Outreach Program



Increased our total number of residential beds available to 30 (from 26)



71 women participated in our Workforce & Life Development Program

- Classes covered both workforce and life skills. Job coaching and job placement assistance were also provided.
- Helped 31 women with their academic education including access to technology, enrollment expenses (GED, NVCC), transportation assistance and linkage to tutors.



Helped 152 women in Residential & Aftercare and 48 women in Outreach receive a health assessment, develop a care plan, and/or access appropriate services (mental health, dental, physical health, substance abuse)



15 Residential/Aftercare women attended our parenting class



You, our donors – Our generous donors believe in second chances. Your generosity helps us to end the systematic cycle of incarceration—one woman, one family at a time. Your donations to Friends of Guest House are an investment in the tailored programs, proven approaches, and trained staff who motivate and encourage our clients.





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"They were my family. They took care of the basic things so I could focus on my health and my future. I wouldn't be where I am today without Guest House."

"Guest House gave me the opportunity to transition back into the community realistically. There were opportunities to improve and challenge myself. I had freedom to learn and grow, but I knew the staff was always there to support me along the way."

"The structure of the program was challenging at times, but it was helpful and necessary for my growth as a person."

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THINGS OUR CLIENTS ACCOMPLISHED WHILE AT GUEST HOUSE THAT THEY ARE PROUD OF:

- *I started to believe in my future*
- *I improved my computer skills*
- *Staying sober and taking parenting classes which led me back to my kids*
- *Getting sober and earning my GED*
- *The classes and the mental health services helped me to become comfortable with myself*

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