

## About OFFKM

**Our Father's Family Keeper Ministries** is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization created to support families and children throughout the Vandalia and Cass County areas, by providing housing, referral to resources and education advocate for the community. We partner with service agencies and others and accept tax-deductible contributions.



Transitional Housing: Finding your home



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# OFFKM Transitional Housing Program

Hosted by Our Father's Family Keeper Ministries



## DFFKM's Transitional Housing Program

In 2013, Our Father's Family Keeper Ministries realized its dreams of providing free housing to women and children who were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.



DFFKM's prior work with the community has shown that families that find themselves in homelessness need support in strengthening life skills that will help them leave behind homelessness as a way of life.

So our goal became to support the family head in creating plans to gain employment or enhance her skills to improve her family's stability; create a personalized financial plan to budget her income, save and set monetary goals; find resources to help deal with any substance-abuse issues she may have; and other areas needing undergirding.

## How The Program Works

Single women and women with children may apply to our Transitional Housing Program. (Currently, we do not have available space for men or young males older than 16). Applicants must authorize DFFKM to conduct a criminal background check (at no cost to the applicant) before they can be accepted into the program. Women with criminal sexual charges involving children cannot be accepted into the program.

A face-to-face meeting is required for consideration for the program. Housing is provided at no-cost, as the parent works on her personalized program.

Transitional Housing Program clients meet weekly with DFFKM staff, reviewing their weekly goals and making sure they are meeting other requirements, such as contribution to the upkeep and maintenance of the Transitional Housing Program household.

Interested? Know someone you think might benefit from this program? Email us at [ourfathersfamily@gmail.com](mailto:ourfathersfamily@gmail.com) or call us at 269-476-1257.



## Our Numbers ~ At A Glance

DFFKM is a 501(c)3 IRS tax-exempt organization that is commissioned and committed to supporting those in need. Here are some of our successes:

### Provided shelter to:

- \* **2016: 10 families for 1,876 shelter nights**
- \* **2015: 4 Families for 1,567 shelter nights**
- \* **2014: 8 families for 1,289 shelter nights**
- \* **2013: 4 families for 587 shelter nights**

### Supported . . .

- \* . . . a resident earning a CNA license and now making \$17 an hour;
- \* . . . another resident earning her driving permit to secure her first-ever license;
- \* . . . testing for another resident, who desired to attend college, and who was evaluated with a fourth-grade education;
- \* . . . a resident with a suspended license in taking the steps to renew that document.
- \* . . . another resident in finding a licensed mechanic who certified as safe and dependable the used car she was buying.

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