



**RJS Foundation Inc.
Transition Living Program
Butterfly House**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Transitional Living Program at the Butterfly House provides safe, affordable group housing for single mothers and children at risk. Mothers are supported through a structured program to strengthen family stability, achieve goals and develop self-sufficiency. The Butterfly House is the cocoon of transition where mothers become empowered to eventually move into their own residence.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Butterfly House is a group home that can serve two families at a time. Each family with up to 3 children will have 2 bedrooms and a bathroom. Residents live independently in the Butterfly House. Staff does not reside in the house. Upon acceptance, the resident signs a lease and a formal agreement to participate in the structured Transitional Living Program (TLP). Program components include:

- Demonstration of financial accountability with on-time weekly rent payments and savings plan
- Responsibility for daily personal chores and shared weekly household chores
- Weekly coaching sessions with the Program Director
- Develop a relationship with a Mentor for support with the challenges of single parenthood
- Willingness to be open and honest about day to day life circumstances including finances
- Willingness to comply with Guidelines
- Participation in local charitable organization resources to access food and various necessities

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Referral by a helping Professional
- Complete application and reference list
- Submit a narrative of personal story
- Criminal Background Check
- Telephone interview with Executive Director
- In-person interview with Executive Staff

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- High functioning single mother who can live independently, follow program guidelines, maintain cleanliness and good condition of the property, and live collaboratively with a co-resident family
- Proof of checking and/or savings account in good standing with weekly savings deposits
- Pay \$500 security deposit prior to move-in, and \$400/monthly rent. A sliding scale for reduced Rent is possible with qualifying circumstances. Rent must be paid every Friday before 5:00p.m. every Friday via Venmo.
- Alcohol and drug free
- Own a car
- Appropriate childcare