



The Mission of Yahweh

Restoring Hope ♥ Transforming Lives  
Ending Homelessness



## **Serving Homeless Women and Children Since 1961**

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**The Mission of Yahweh offers shelter and many life-changing programs focused on ending the cycle of homelessness and dependency.**

**It is our goal to take a holistic approach to the process of restoration for our residents.**

-  **Our Mission:** The Mission of Yahweh is a faith-based shelter that empowers, enriches, and restores the lives of homeless women and children, and provides outreach services to communities in need, since 1961.
-  **Our Vision:** Restore Hope – Transform Lives – End Homelessness
-  **Our Ministry:** Our doors are always open for women and children in crisis, providing food, clothing, shelter, and support toward self-sufficiency. We also assist neighboring communities with food-pantry donations, school supplies, toys, and holiday meals.





**14,200+**

Homeless Women and Children housed and served since inception of the Mission



**194**

Homeless Women and Children housed and served in 2025



**26,886**

Bed nights provided in 2025, included bed and 3 meals daily



**194**

Churches & Community Partners supporting the Mission in 2025



**30%** In-Kind

**26%** Events

**17%** Foundations

**14%** Individuals

**6%** Churches

**7%** Corporate/  
Civic/Other

*Donation Sources provided in 2024*



**100%**

Mission Children  
Met Minimum Testing Standards  
for the 1st time since COVID



**2**

Two New Dormitory Buildings  
opened in 2025 to house up to  
40 additional residents



**7,517**

Individuals Received Food from  
Community Outreach in 2025

# VOLUNTEERING AT THE MISSION

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our Mission, providing critical services for our women and children. Dedicated volunteers help with campus projects, programs, chapel activities, mentoring, and children's events. This enables the Mission to deliver essential services and foster hope, equipping residents with resources for a brighter future.

## 2025 Volunteers



**3,449**

### External Partner Volunteers

individuals, churches, civic groups, and businesses



**20,946**

### External Partners' Hours

supporting residents and the community



**31,829**

### Internal Mission Residents' Hours

through the Responsible Resident Program



## ♥ THE MISSION PROGRAMS ♥

### Residential Programs

The Mission offers comprehensive programs to support homeless women and their children, to help them achieve stability and self-sufficiency. Programs include case management, counseling, vocational training, life-skills courses, and GED classes to enable long-term independence.

**The two programs offered are based on their circumstances:**

#### Emergency Program

- 30-90 days
- Includes free shelter, food, clothing, counseling, health assessments, and educational services for women and children
- Serves ~75% of residents

#### Transitional Living Program

- 6-24 months
- Baseline services of the Emergency Program
- Additional services include case management, self-improvement plans, and various specialized educational, vocational, and spiritual classes
- Serves ~25% of residents

### Community Outreach Programs

Over 3,000 low-income families on the northwest side of Houston are served annually through our food pantry, a low-cost resale shop, Back to School supplies, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and toy outreach events.





## A MESSAGE OF HOPE

### **Mission Founder, Sister Helen Gay, and the History of The Mission of Yahweh**

Helen Gay, inspired by her faith, founded a shelter for women and children in her own home during the 1960s after leaving her job at a hair salon. She began by providing meals and eventually adopted 24 children, enforcing house rules and chapel attendance. Refusing government aid, she relied on community support and faith to sustain her efforts. By 1972, the state of Texas granted The Mission a corporate charter, growing it from one small house to a 12-building campus that assists hundreds of women and children annually and serves thousands of meals each month. After Sister Gay's passing in 2008, her legacy has continued through expanded programs and facilities, childcare, and a learning center.



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## VOLUNTEER

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