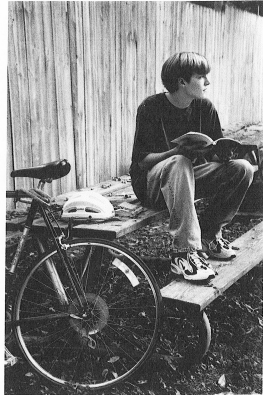


“Eric” a tall, blond boy with glasses, is 16 years old. He came to Alternative House when his mother said he was “dirty.” She didn’t want him anymore. He was homeless.

Eric was a child that resulted from his mother’s rape. Since he was four years old, she kept him locked in his room every day. When he went to school, he promptly came home, went to his room, shut the door and it was locked behind him.

Eric came to Alternative House over the missing apple. Eric had taken an apple from the refrigerator. When mother was asked if she let him have food from the refrigerator, she said “yes,” but he had to do it the “right way.” He had to ask permission.



Eric is an intelligent boy with excellent grades but who has grown to age sixteen feeling he was “dirty” and unwanted. He said “I always wanted to have a friend. I wanted a friend I could invite over to play. But I never had one. I couldn’t have a friend come to the door and ask if we could play cause my mother would say, “Eric can’t come out and play. He’s locked in his room.”

Both Eric and his mother have been victims. At Alternative House, Eric will have individual and group counseling plus family counseling to help Eric and his mother be a family. While you can’t erase the hurt both Eric and his mother have felt, we can help make their future a better one.