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Information for prospective residents and their families

What is the Refuge?

The Refuge is a private, non-profit residential facility that provides the opportunity for men, aged 18 and over, to be disciplined for Christ. Many of the men we serve struggle with addictions or just feel hopeless and lost.

A unique residential program

Our program is designed to assist individuals in achieving lasting recovery from chemical dependency and develop a deep relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Refuge is a safe, structured environment. In addition a strong work ethic and meaningful work activities are an integral part of the process.

Philosophy

Addiction is as much a spiritual issue as anything else and can be "treated". The Refuge staff believes in the dignity and value of each resident and his capacity to develop a lifestyle of honesty and integrity as

their relationship with Jesus Christ develops.

The ideas and principles that established the Refuge, the Holy Bible, have proven their value in hundreds of men who have come through the Refuge doors.

Admission Information

The Refuge accepts referrals from churches, individuals, families, health service agencies and other sources. Admissions are made dependent upon bed availability and other qualifying factors.

How to apply

The individual in need of treatment must initiate the intake process and attend an informational orientation session held every Tuesday at 10 am at Refuge Headquarters, 1187 W. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43222. Prospective residents should come to orientation prepared to stay.

Men seeking admission should meet the following criteria:

- Age 18 or older
- Free of warrants for their arrest
- Motivated and willing to participate in the program

Program phases

Step 1 – Induction (approximately 7-45 days). New residents are evaluated as to their ability to benefit from the Refuge. Residents must be earnest in accepting responsibility for their choices and exhibit a willingness and desire to be disciplined for Christ.

Step 2- Farms. (4 months). As a working farm, residents are involved in planting, harvesting and caring for livestock. Recreational activities encourage development of new skills and healthy alternatives to chemical use. Residents in this step continue participation in group and individual activities, with greater emphasis on discovering who they are in Christ. Though structured and supervised, Step 2 provides greater trust and responsibility for the resident.

Step 3-Columbus (8 months) This final step of residential care increases a resident's personal responsibility in becoming and remaining a responsible man of God in all areas of his life. Each resident is paired

with a mentor. The staff works with individuals on job hunting, budgeting, locating a place to live and forming strong outside supports. Residents may complete GED classes and/or prepare for college.

Aftercare

Maintaining the friendships and support of the Refuge family can play an important role in continued success. Refuge alumni meet as a group and graduates are encouraged to take part in all special events and encounter weekends.

A note to families & friends

During induction, new residents cannot receive visits, phone calls or letters. Loved ones may contact the Administrator for information.

Program costs

Fees for residential care are provided based on the generous donations of many people and church families across the United States. Additionally, funding for room and board and other needs is provided from employers for whom residents work during Steps 2 and 3. Residents incur no costs.

Other services

A women's support group meets monthly. More information is available by calling 740-649-8857. An opportunity to visit Prospective residents and their friends and family are all invited to attend the Tuesday information sessions. Again, the sessions begin at 10 am at Refuge Headquarters, 1187 W. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43222. We discourage unscheduled visits to headquarters or any other Refuge location to preserve the integrity of the program.

Additional information

For more information, call 740-772-2202.