

About the Miriam Home.....

The Miriam Home is a residential program that serves girls age 6 to 21 who need structure, stability, intensive healing and supervision. The home itself is 10,000 square-foot building that houses up to 12 residents and 1 to 2 staff persons on the main floor. The basement includes three classrooms, a large exercise area, the pantry and a utility room.

About the Miriam Home Program...

With this residential program each girl receives:

- Individual, group and family therapy
- Behavior modification through structured routine and the loving guidance of youth care specialists.
- A good education through regular public school or the Turning Point Education Center, which is located on our campus.
- Training. Like a traditional home, the girls share household chores and are granted privileges as they demonstrate appropriate behavior and establish trust with the home's staff.
- Opportunities to serve in the community by attending church, visiting a nursing home regularly, sorting clothes at a clothing bank and belonging to groups such as Girl Scouts.



Miriam Home Dining Room

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The Star Project

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*"He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name"
Psalm 147:4*

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What is the STAR Project?



Indiana's Children:

Open Arms services the entire state yet at the present, 33% of

our clients are from Greene County. In 2009, the child abuse/neglect rate in Greene County, per 1,000 children under the age 18 was 27.2. The number of child neglect cases substantiated by the Department of Child Services (DCS) was 143 and the number of child sexual abuse cases substantiated by DCS was 43. The number of physical abuse cases substantiated by DCS was 16.

The Problem:

In the past Open Arms has been able to open our doors to these youth with church/individual support AND state funding. State funding through contracts in the past have funded our program up to 85%. Due to state cuts, our contract in 2012 has been reduced by 42% of the Title IV-E eligibility. With the state cuts also comes empty beds when there are YOUTH who need our care and our love to fill them.

Our Belief:

It is our belief that all youth have fundamental rights to a healthy home environment, a chance for a good education, and a wholesome family life. We make this right available through the Miriam Home. The cost per youth to participate in this program is \$150.00 per day. The current stay per girl is 9 months. This allows coverage for housing, staffing, utilities, food, clothing, individual, family and group therapy, program implementation, general care, case management, medical/dental care and transportation.

A STAR Project is Born:

Our board believes that with the cut in State and Federal funding toward the well being of these "at-risk" youth, other potential support should be obtained for the Miriam Home program. The STAR project's goal is to fill our 12-resident-capacity home, by seeking funding for **one girl at a time** to thereby provide youth with a safe, educational, and therapeutic environment that they may overcome their life circumstances and be empowered to grow and shine to their potential.



How Can You Help?

- 1) **PRAY!** Psalm 147 states: "He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name." We have twelve beds waiting for twelve girls who need to know about Jesus Christ and His love and healing for their lives. God knows who those twelve are we just need to make those beds available by God's provision. He will provide the girls and the funds if we trust in HIM.
- 2) **GIVE:** If one church, Sunday school or individual gave \$375.00 a month for one year we could house one girl (without governmental funding) for one month. Nine churches, groups or individuals giving that amount we could house one girl's stay at the Miriam Home. Imagine if we could fill our 12 capacity home with 12 girls without depending on state funding to do so!

**We Can Do It!
ONE TEEN AT A TIME!**

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