

## NEW GLADE HOUSE SRO PROGRAM

Meet Michael. He is a newly enrolled student in University of Louisville's Master of Counseling and Personnel Services program. He is also a House of Ruth client who lives at Glade House.

Michael came to Glade in July 2016, after completing treatment at The Healing Place. He is one of the clients who stayed at the house as we changed our program from transitional housing to a single room occupancy (SRO) model in partnership with Louisville Metro Housing Authority.

This new model of housing is based on clients becoming tenants. Every client now signs a lease with House of Ruth and is responsible for paying rent. This not only helps clients like Michael establish a positive rental history, but it also prepares them for life after Glade.

Along with becoming a tenant, clients also have to meet the criteria for a Housing Choice voucher, formerly known as Section 8. Part of joining the SRO program is being approved for a Housing Choice subsidized housing voucher. Clients can use the voucher for a subsidized apartment of their choice in the private rental market when they leave Glade.

Michael has been working on his individualized treatment plan that he created along with the Glade clinician. In order to graduate from the SRO program and receive his Housing Choice voucher, Michael and every other client have to complete their treatment plan and show that they have the skills to live on their own and maintain housing.

These plans often include everything from becoming employed, gaining income, attending outpatient therapy, participating in life skills training, and medical adherence. Each plan is focused on helping clients remove the barriers that have prevented them from maintaining housing in the past.



For Michael, his focus has been on finding and maintaining employment, staying sober, maintaining his health, and going back to school. We are happy to report that Michael has been gainfully employed for over a year, regularly attends outpatient therapy, maintains his medication regime, and just this fall returned to school to get his Master's degree.

Having seen the house work as both a short-term shelter and now a tenant-based SRO model, Michael likes the changes. He says the program is there to help clients gain independence and take responsibility for themselves. "The program gives you the tools and resources to be successful but you have to choose to make the right decisions."

Michael's next step is to graduate from our program and use his housing voucher to find a home all his own.

## DATES

**Give For Good Louisville:**  
9.14.2017



Help House of Ruth turn a vacant lot into a new home for two families during Louisville's largest online giving day. Details on page 3.

**PLAY Benefit Show:**  
10.7.2017



Join us for the 4th annual House of Ruth drag benefit at **PLAY Louisville**, located at 1101 E. Washington Street. \$10 entry fee at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m.

**Dining Out For Life**  
11.15.2017



Save the date to have breakfast, lunch, dinner, or dessert at 40+ restaurants donating 25% of your bill on Wednesday, November 15. Details on page 3.



# LETTER FROM LISA

Dearest Friends and Supporters,

Each year, we all have that special day – our birthday. It's a time to pause, celebrate, and appreciate all we have been given. House of Ruth is celebrating a very special birthday this year – 25 years of providing life-changing and life-saving housing and social support services to those affected by HIV/AIDS. To our many friends and supporters, **THANK YOU** for making it possible for us to continue our mission since 1992.

Our Board of Directors and staff took inspiration from this milestone year to engage in a thorough strategic planning process over the past several months. As part of this work, we re-examined our mission statement, which sums up why we exist. A mission statement also says whom the organization serves and how it serves them. After careful consideration and multiple drafts, our Board adopted the following updated mission statement earlier this year:

**House of Ruth provides housing and support services for people with HIV/AIDS and their families who are homeless, at risk of losing their homes, or need financial help.** We do this through a continuum of services: emergency shelter, short and long-term housing, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, advocacy for clients, and basic needs assistance to provide food, clothes, rent, utilities, public transportation, and back-to-school support.

Here's to working ourselves out of business before another milestone birthday rolls around! You can help make that happen by donating \$25 in honor of our 25th Birthday. Donations can be made online at [www.houseofruth.net](http://www.houseofruth.net) or by mail with the included envelope.



Lisa Sutton  
Executive Director

Thank you to the Humana Pride NRG! They collected grocery bags during the month of July for our Food Pantry. Employees from all over the country donated. At the end of the month, they had enough bags to fill 5 cars!

# House of Ruth

*25 Years of Compassionate  
Service in the Fight Against  
HIV/AIDS*

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## HELP US GIVE TWO FAMILIES A NEW HOME ON SEPTEMBER 14

On Thursday, September 14, your donation to **Give For Good Louisville** will help us turn a vacant lot in our Shelby Park neighborhood into a new, energy efficient duplex home for two families affected by HIV/AIDS. **Give For Good Louisville** is 24 hours of online giving hosted by the Community Foundation of Louisville. Donations are tax deductible and may be made online or from your mobile device by going to [www.giveforgoodlouisville.org](http://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org). **We encourage you to give between the hours of 5 and 8 a.m. on September 14.** If we have the highest number of unique donors during this time, we will win the Morning Rush Prize of \$1,000!

All gifts made during Give For Good Louisville will support our fundraising efforts begun in August to build the duplex that will be part of our long-term housing program once construction is complete in late 2018. Currently, **137 families are on our waiting list for long-term housing.** Sadly, it will take six years to house all of these families at our current rate, and that is if no additional families are added! The new duplex will help us shorten the list and provide a beautiful home to adults and children in dire need.



Help us turn this overgrown, vacant lot into a new home for two families on September 14.

## OUR LARGEST FUNDRAISER: DINE OUT, FIGHT AIDS

# Dining Out For Life

## November 15, 2017

*Presented by*

Mark your calendars and join us on **November 15** for the 21st annual Dining Out For Life Presented by Brown-Forman. Once again, the best restaurants in Louisville and Southern Indiana will be **donating 25% of their sales** to House of Ruth.



**BROWN-FORMAN**

Participating is as easy as dining out at one of the contributing restaurants. We have breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert options. **Visit [www.houseofruth.net](http://www.houseofruth.net) to see a list of participating restaurants** and start making your reservations today. No coupons or flyers needed. Simply eat out to benefit House of Ruth.

There are also **volunteer opportunities** available during the event. We are recruiting individuals and groups to be Ambassadors and Hosts. Ambassadors are stationed in restaurants to greet diners, explain the event, share donation envelopes, and thank guests. Hosts choose a restaurant and invite their friends and family to join them for dinner, to help make sure every restaurant is at capacity. Contact Katrina Hutchins at 502.587.5080 or [khutchins@houseofruth.net](mailto:khutchins@houseofruth.net) for more volunteer information.

Thank you for helping us make Dining Out For Life 2017 a success and **raise funds to support those living with HIV/AIDS in our community.**



## GLADE HOUSE EXPANDS TO 13 BEDROOMS

In July 2013, House of Ruth opened our first emergency shelter bed at Glade House. This was in response to the lack of safe emergency shelter for those with HIV in our community. The bed stayed full almost every night, prompting us to seek funding to support an additional bed. In 2014, we opened our second emergency bed and it too has remained occupied.

In 2016, the emergency beds served 35 individuals. This however, is just a small portion of the individuals who have called requesting emergency shelter. From April 2016 to April 2017, Glade received 425 total requests for housing from 209 different callers.

These numbers have prompted us to open a third emergency bed as of July 1, 2017. We were able to make a few changes and convert what used to be a workout room into the 13th bedroom at Glade. Three of the bedrooms are emergency shelter and the other 10 are SRO beds that lead to a Housing Choice voucher when clients complete the program.

One client who has utilized the emergency shelter beds is William. He came to Glade in May 2016, after being referred by his substance abuse treatment facility. William was worried about what an emergency shelter environment might be like, but when he walked into Glade, he got a warm feeling and knew he was in the right place.

William started attending regular outpatient therapy at Glade and got back on his medication regime for both his mental and physical health. He also worked with our in-house social workers to find other services, like weekly classes at Centerstone and a program for homeless veterans that would allow him to apply for a Housing Choice subsidized housing voucher.

Without the guidance and encouragement of our social workers, William says he would have turned back to active addiction. His time at Glade has helped him resist the temptation that he knows will always be there after his 28 years of using.

He will be leaving Glade soon for his own apartment, but plans to return for outpatient therapy to keep himself centered and drug-free.

Congrats, William, on your success.



## A HISTORICAL MOMENT!

On Saturday, April 8, 2017, House of Ruth celebrated the dedication of our Kentucky Historical Highway Marker, which is located in front of our building on E. St. Catherine Street.

The marker, which was sponsored by the Shelby Park Neighborhood Association, commemorates the gift of the St. Matthew Church buildings to House of Ruth in 1999 on one side and tells the story of House of Ruth's founding on the other.

House of Ruth staff and supporters were joined by members of the former St. Matthew Church, the Shelby Park Neighborhood Association, and community members for a reception before the unveiling.

This marker is one of over 2,400 historical markers statewide that tell Kentucky's story through the people, places, and events that have shaped Kentucky's local communities.

Pictured left, members of the Shelby Park Neighborhood Association unveil the marker.



# FISCAL YEAR 2017 FACTS AND FIGURES

## Budget

**Total Revenue: \$1,281,170**  
**Total Expenses: \$1,396,118\***  
**Net Assets: \$2,635,532**

\*This amount includes depreciation expense of \$97,735. Not including depreciation, there was an increase in net assets of \$14,212.

To view our complete  
2016-17 Annual Report,  
visit our web-site at  
[www.houseofruth.net](http://www.houseofruth.net)

## Programs

House of Ruth served 573 unduplicated adults and children, including 23 new clients.

111 children received a clothing voucher to purchase school clothing and new backpack filled with school supplies.

**90% of Glade House short-term housing participants exited to long-term housing of choice and were clean and sober at exit.**

Our Dare to Care Food Panty distributed food to 2,251 individuals.

**78% of individuals served through our Homes with Heart long-term housing program maintained their housing for at least seven months.**

## DONOR ROLL

A heartfelt thank you to the donors who contributed to House of Ruth from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017:

### INDIVIDUAL

#### \$1,000+

Steven Bass  
Kevin Childress  
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Louisville Metro Government  
Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The complete Donor Roll is available at [www.houseofruth.net](http://www.houseofruth.net).  
Please notify us and accept our apology for any omissions.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### Our Mission

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## COMMUNITY PARTNER

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



We Strive to Enhance Lives,  
Build on Strengths and  
Create Community.



Thank you to **Louisville Metro Housing Authority** for donating the vacant lot in the Shelby Park neighborhood to House of Ruth where we are planning to build a new duplex for two families in 2018. They also partnered with us to provide Housing Choice vouchers for the Glade House single room occupancy program.

**UPS** staff members joined us this summer to sort, organize, and hang clothing donations in our Clothes Closet. Pictured from left to right are Sylvia Hinton, Vicki Wright, Donna Evans, and former Board of Directors member Chuck McIntire. Not pictured: Jan Mueller and Kathy Kavanaugh.