



House to Home Program

Housing Our Community One Closing at a Time

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Washtenaw County runs Alpha House, a shelter for families experiencing homelessness. We have created a special program, “One Child, One Night,” where we have established that it takes about \$20 to house *one* child for *one* night at Alpha House. The funds donated to our One Child, One Night program provide food, shelter and support staff services to the nearly 40 families that come through Alpha House each year.

With the help of local realtors, we have established the **House to Home** program to educate and involve the real estate community in efforts to end homelessness. Local realtors can “sponsor” children per house closing (a minimum of five) to support the work of IHN and our efforts to end homelessness in our community.

Participating **House to Home** realtors can be proud of their decision to help end homelessness in our community. By participating, you join the ranks of hundreds of concerned citizens, businesses, government bodies, religious groups and organizations working together to ensure that everyone in our community has a home. Your donations qualify for the Michigan Homeless Shelter Tax Credit in which 50-percent of your annual donations, up to \$10,000 per year for businesses, is credited to you.

A Realtor Who Cares – as a participating **House to Home** realtor, you will stand out to past, current and potential clients as someone who cares about the community and who promotes social responsibility.

Housing the Entire Community – As a realtor, you understand that a house may be made up of bricks, dry wall and a roof; but a *home* is a place to gather, create memories and live a happy life. There are families in our community who are not housed at this very moment who need a *roof* as well as a place to sustain their family.

Community Outreach – **House to Home** provides realtors with a hands-on way to become involved in improving life for everyone in our community.

As a participating **House to Home** realtor, your contributions to the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House will be recognized at our annual fall fundraiser, Gimme Shelter, and in our community report of support, which goes to more than 5,000 households annually. We want to show the community the good work you are doing by participating in this program. We hope you will join us in this opportunity. Attached is the **House to Home** registration form that you can fill out and return to IHN.

We look forward to working together with you in this effort to help end homelessness in our community!

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