HOUSING FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS  
~ A MINISTRY OF THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF LA MESA ~

The Interfaith Council of La Mesa would love to have you partner with us to support Housing for Homeless Students! The basic purpose of this ministry is to provide families on the edge of homelessness with the extra boost they need to move into stable, sustainable housing. Working with the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District, we provide funds to cover the security deposit required when a family moves into new housing. We work with families who have steady income to pay the rent, but are lacking the money for that extra, upfront payment. Our goal is to help provide stability for students in our community and their families, to help them break out of the cycle of poverty.

Donations

Our biggest need, of course, is a constantly replenishing fund to provide these grants. We welcome annual pledges, as well as one-time gifts. We would love to the recipient of proceeds from a fund-raiser your congregation holds! Gifts of all sizes are welcome! Please contact Dani Womack, at pastordani@crosspointelife.org to discuss making a donation.

Volunteer Opportunities

Screening & Follow-Up Committee – This role offers you the chance to work with our families as they’re coming into our program. When we receive a referral from the school district, the information will be sent to this committee, with the date of a screening interview. We hope to have at least 10-12 people “on call” for this part of the process, with 2-3 attending each interview. During the interview, the family’s situation will be explored more deeply, to determine if they are a good fit for our program, and if there are further needs our partner churches might address. Members of this committee will also be involved with 3-, 6- and 12-month follow-up check-ins. (This role requires training.)

Family Budgeting Mentors – Are you good with money? Do you have experience finding a way where there is no way? We want to offer the families we work with help with getting a handle on their finances. If you could help a family develop a budget and learn how to make the most of the resources they have, we need your help! (This role requires training.)

House-Warming Donations – Once our families have moved in, they may have other needs we can help fill. Each time we help a family obtain housing, we will send out a call for the items they need to make a home, such as furniture, bedding, clothing, and other household items. We welcome your donations, and we invite you to consider being the coordinator for this ministry within your congregation. (We will only accept items on an as-needed basis, as we currently have no storage space for this ministry.)

If you are interested in serving in any of these ways, please contact Rebecca Littlejohn at pastorbecky@yahoo.com for more information.