

# **CARRIE SIMON HOUSE**

HELPING HOMELESS MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN BUILD BETTER LIVES

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## In This Season of Giving

You can help transform the lives of young, homeless women and their babies by supporting the work of Carrie Simon House. Since 1990, this small, transitional housing program in northwest Washington, D.C., has made a big difference to some of the most vulnerable young families in our community. Your generous support provides a nurturing, attractive home environment – something many of our residents have never had – along with needed structure and support to help these resilient women get and stay on the path to happy, productive, self-sufficient lives.

Visit us online to donate at CarrieSimonHouse.org/Donate.

### Want to See What Success Looks Like? Meet Tasha Hunt

Need a dose of inspiration? You will be delighted by Tasha's story and by the difference that Carrie Simon House made at a pivotal point in her young life and her son's. **Check out our exciting new video** on our website: **CarrieSimonHouse.org** to see our mission at work, and how this small program delivers lasting impact.

We are grateful to Amy DeLouise, who filmed, produced, edited, and scored this real story of a former resident along with her all-female production team.

#### Thank you to:

Rachel Weinberg, Executive Producer Sheila Smith, Camera Kristi Pelzel, Sound Caroline Allnutt, Editor Cheryl Ottenritter, Music & Audio



## **Our Strategic Priorities**

Our Board of Directors focuses on ensuring Carrie Simon House provides resident families with skills and resources necessary for independent lives of dignity. Our strategic priorities include:

- Providing a safe, well-maintained, nurturing home;
- Ensuring our residents receive consistent, high quality professional counseling, daily guidance and motivational mentorship;
- Developing multiple sources of funding to meet immediate needs and sustain long-term program viability.



# More Ways to Help

Make a tax-deductible donation: Donations are accepted through our website or via mail. If your company matches charitable donations, you can double your impact.

Contribute to the Amazon Wish List: Our mothers have specific requests that would make the holidays brighter for their children and themselves. Find it at whetemple.org/CSH.

Share your special skill or interest. Our moms want to learn healthy cooking and nutrition, child development, resume and interview skills, and more.

Enjoy researching grants and writing applications? We have an ongoing need for volunteers with these specialized skills.

Engage children in community service projects. Children love getting involved and feeling the rewards of helping others. Engage a school or student group of any age in a service event.

Plan a fundraising event. Do you enjoy planning parties or community events? We'd love your ideas. Plan an event of your own or help us do more!

To get involved, email info@carriesimonhouse.org or visit our website at CarrieSimonHouse.org.

## What You Made Possible in 2017

Thanks to your generosity:

- Two mothers continue to thrive in college, consistently earning high GPAs. Their children are thriving, too!
- We completed the second phase of backyard renovations by planting greenery and flowers. We installed outdoor benches and chairs so our families can enjoy the yard. We added plaques honoring donors to the project. Our last phase will be the installation of the play set.
- We renovated our bathrooms! Your support replaced old cracked tile, leaky plumbing, and dingy fixtures with shiny new sinks, toilets, shower, and bathtub.



# Please Help Us Do Even More in 2018

- Build a transportation fund to help defray the rising costs of public transportation for our young mothers who rely on Metro and buses to get to school, work, daycare, doctors appointments and more.
- Shore up the house foundation to guard against water erosion and minimize risk of mice and insects.
- ❖ Establish a fund for gift cards to provide more professional clothes for mothers who arrive with only a few pairs of jeans and tops. We know how much the right clothes can build confidence in school and on the job.

# **Experience the Rewards of Volunteering**

"I really feel a calling to be part of Carrie Simon House. Even if you were only able to help one young woman each year to become a productive, self-sufficient adult for life, the impact that will have cannot be measured."

- A new volunteer

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