



CARRIE SIMON HOUSE

HELPING HOMELESS MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN BUILD BETTER LIVES

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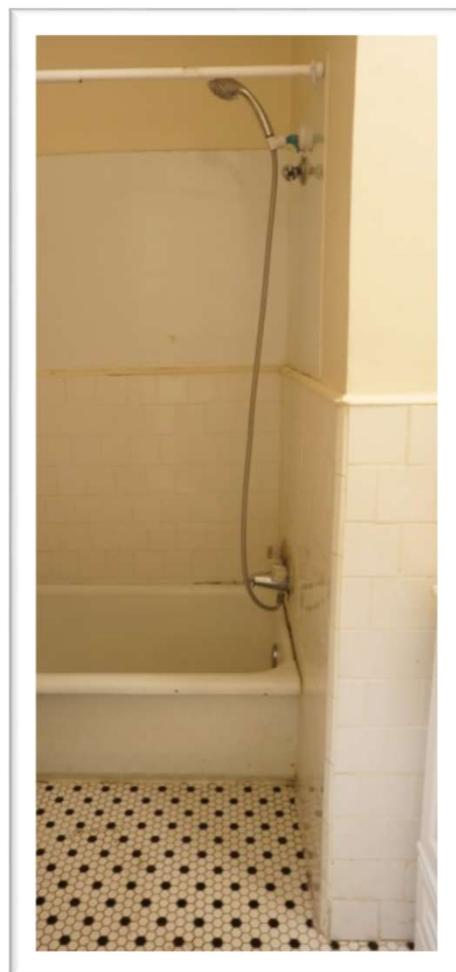
Help Us Renovate Our Bathrooms!

It's time to renovate two old bathrooms at Carrie Simon House and we need your help! Our bathrooms are leaking, fixtures are broken, and tiles are cracked. We have a plan to renovate this year, and we need help.

Visit us online to donate.

- \$ 16 buys a curtain rod*
- \$ 28 buys a case of tiles*
- \$ 60 buys a sink faucet*
- \$ 135 buys a bathtub*
- \$ 250 buys a sink vanity cabinet*
- \$ 460 buys a shower*
- \$ 11,500 buys one entire bathroom!**

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* Donations of \$11,500 or more will be offered a plaque honoring their donation and/or the name of someone they would like to honor.

All donations to Carrie Simon House are tax-deductible. The bathroom items listed above are representative. Donations will be used to fund this renovation project and to support Carrie Simon House's mission.



Our Strategic Goals

This year our Board has set three goals for how we will prioritize our resources and focus our efforts in the future. Our goals are:

- ❑ **Provide a safe and nurturing home** for the families who live here.
- ❑ **Help program residents achieve self-sufficiency** to live on their own and support themselves financially.
- ❑ **Grow multiple sources of funding.**

Ways to Help

Make a donation

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Become a mentor.

Mentors who can commit 1-2 hours per week make a huge difference!

Share your special skill or interest.

Our moms want to learn healthy cooking and nutrition, child development, resume and interview skills.

Plan a fundraising event.

Do you enjoy planning social events or community events? We welcome your ideas or you can help us plan one of ours.

Engage children in community service projects.

Children love getting involved and feeling the rewards of helping others. Engage a school group or student group of any age in a service event with Carrie Simon House.

Thanks to your support, 2016 was a successful year for Carrie Simon House! This is what we were able to accomplish with your help:

- One family completed the program and is now living independently
- A mother currently living with us earned her highest grade point average ever since enrolling in college
- A mother currently living with us navigated the college admissions process, secured financial aid, and completed her first semester of community college
- All residents developed and managed specific budget plans
- One resident completed a financial literacy training program
- Donations to our transportation fund enabled residents to use public transportation with less impact on their personal budgets
- Mayor Muriel Bowser of Washington, D.C. and several of our alumni spoke to over 200 attendees at a dinner in our honor
- The Board engaged a short-term feasibility study of alternative funding sources

Meanwhile, our physical plant has also undergone its own transformation over 2016. We are committed to ensuring a sound, well-maintained environment for residents and their children. In 2016, generous donors made possible:

- First phase of backyard renovation, including landscaping and pathways for a safer, more inviting play space
- Replacement and addition of new smoke detectors, carbon monoxide testers, and fire extinguishers
- Upgrade of heating system in children's play area
- Upgrade of all electrical outlets
- New gutters, re-grading of back stairwell and brick buildup of outdoor steps to address drainage issues
- Repairing and painting of front porch railing
- New raised surface connecting kitchen to outdoor stairwell
- New high beam outdoor safety lighting

Our goals for 2017 include:

- Begin renovations on two old, outdated bathrooms
- Replace leaky plumbing, cracked flooring and tiles
- Upgrade the tub/shower, sinks and toilets
- Install playground equipment, including climbing/swing set and backyard toys
- Install new child proof, flame retardant window treatments
- Establish additional funding sources