



Support the campaign to expand our Women and Children's Recovery House

With your help, we can provide housing for 34 more mothers and children.



Total Raised So Far:

\$103,000 for this phase

\$1.3 million total

Amount Needed:

\$135,000

Your generous donation will open bedrooms for 34 additional residents, build more bathrooms, add a driveway, and install a full kitchen.

Renovations will triple the house's permanent capacity and bring the program to its full potential.

OpenDoors is holding a fundraising drive to complete the renovations to our Women and Children's House. Our goal is to raise another \$135,000 to expand the house's capacity and install a full kitchen for the residents. Your generous donation will help to house an additional 34 women and children and give them the freedom to cook their own meals.

The Women and Children's House is the first in Rhode Island that serves women transitioning out of prison while also providing a space for their children to live. Since opening in 2023, the program has provided a home to over 120 women while supporting their recovery and preparing them to live independently again. Now, as a part of OpenDoors' mission to expand our supportive services for women, we're asking for your help to complete the renovations to our building.

572 Elmwood is a large, three-story building, but the third floor cannot currently be permanently used for housing. The last phase of renovations will bring the building into compliance with requirements to accommodate the additional 34 residents. We will install a full kitchen, which the space currently lacks, to give the families more autonomy and better access to nutrition.



Please visit www.opendoorsri.org/womenandchildren for more information.

Join our mission to support women in recovery, break the cycle of incarceration, and reunite mothers with their children.

Around 75% of women in prison are mothers, and their incarceration affects their children profoundly. Studies found that 18% of incarcerated mothers reported that their children were living in non-kinship foster care, 41% of teenage children of incarcerated parents had been suspended from school, and 31% had had run-ins with the police. After a mother goes to prison, sometimes families never recover and children end up trapped in the foster system. With your help, that can change.



Meet our clients: Julissa

Julissa and her three kids have been living at the Women and Children's House for about four months, and she says she feels like part of the family: "the staff here are very supportive. They make you feel like you're home." Her kids love playing with the other children in the house, and she wants to stay in contact with the other residents after they go their separate ways.

Julissa worked as a bartender before moving into the Women and Children's House. She had a hard time making rent and taking care of her children, two of whom have autism, and was struggling with homelessness. She also wanted to stop drinking, so she needed a change in her career and her life. Now, Julissa is nearing the end of her classes to become a CNA. After graduating, getting a job, and finding an apartment for her family, she wants to stay in school and become a phlebotomist.