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RESTORING WOMEN,
TRANSFORMING LIVES

“ And the Lord answered me
and said, write the vision, and
make it plain upon tables, that
he may run that readeth it. ”

Habakkuk 2 : 2

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THE VISION

The Angels Restoration Place

Our transitional homes serves as a vital pathway for women navigating reentry from prison, jail, or rehab. We provide a complete spectrum of immediate needs: love, sustenance, attire, and secure housing. Our program integrates mandatory participation in 12-step meetings, spiritual growth through a personal relationship with God, and comprehensive life skills classes, all designed to cultivate true self-sufficiency. Recognizing varying talents and past experiences, we facilitate pathways to the workforce for those ready, or provide access to on-the-job training and educational programs for others. This holistic and adaptable model is key to their successful societal reintegration. Our vision extends to establishing a small home community and duplexes to ensure a robust continuum of care.



MISSION

Restoring Women Transforming Lives

We provide love, basic needs, and structure to help women transition back into society. This second chance can help reduce homelessness, decreasing the recidivism rate, while restoring families.



BACKGROUND

A loss and hope story

Aura Lynn-Rouse, our CEO/Founder, embodies a profound story of loss and triumphant hope. After a devastating auto accident led to a four-year prison sentence, Aura emerged as a successfully rehabilitated ex-offender, intimately familiar with the struggles of reentry. She meticulously rebuilt her life after incarceration, leveraging numerous stepping stones and education to reinvent herself. She has celebrated sobriety since 2008. Today, Aura not only provides affordable housing to empower single families. Aura champions community engagement in the local community, she brings, "Angels on the Inside" to the local jail. She is the director of Celebrate Recovery. She owns "Angels 2nd Chance Boutique." Having achieved restoration in her family, career, and personal dignity, Aura's deepest desire is to share her hard-won strength and hope with countless others. ODAT





Angels of Mercy Ministries “The Angels Restoration Place,” (TARP)

Intake and Assessment

Angels of Mercy Ministries (AOM) provides a vital bridge for women reentering society from prison, jail, or rehab, addressing the critical issue of homelessness and recidivism in Seminole County. Our 6-18-month program offers housing, counseling, training, and mentorship for up to 22 participants, on two separate properties, fostering self-sufficiency.

Angels entering our program must be 30 days clean and sober. The program has a \$300 entrance fee and \$175 weekly rent. Angels are required to prepare a five-page essay for us. We'd like it to reflect on your journey: how you arrived at your current point in life, your strategies for not returning to past challenges, and what you hope to gain from our program.

We provide immediate safety and basic needs (housing, food, clothing) at our TARP home, triaging participants regardless of criminal history, credit, or past evictions. Their journey to self-sufficiency begins immediately with tailored plans crafted during an intense first 30 days of prayer and counseling. This customized path, built on realistic goals, helps them reconnect with family and community.

We partner with organizations like Operation New Hope, Project Rise, Promising People, Career Source, and SSC to provide on-the-job training, certifications, and higher education, significantly enhancing their skill sets and self-worth. Our faith-based program requires active participation in recovery, self-help classes, and volunteering. We provide free trauma counseling and life coaching. We actively shift employer perceptions, demonstrating participants' commitment through documented volunteer hours and training, advocating for second chances. Initial cell phone use is restricted to communication only for 30 days. Social media may be introduced as long as it doesn't become an issue.

Successful participants transition to "Finding Their Way Home" (FTWH), a Phase 2 residence with clear rules, including random drug tests. This is a roommate situation to help prepare for independent living.

Beyond housing, AOM operates "Angels Second Chance Boutique" (a food pantry and clothing center.) We provide \$25 vouchers to our Angels and several other organizations locally. Several local companies help us provide a hot meal and pantry items most days. We teach service keeps you sober. The ladies have an opportunity to feed and clothe the unsheltered, and those still in their addiction here daily. Along with other volunteer opportunities in the community.

Our goal is to help you have a strong relationship with Jesus, a firm recovery program, and then balance life on life's terms.

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Angels of Mercy Ministries, (TARP) Intake and Assessment

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF:

This information will be kept confidential. It is important to us to know you really desire a change in your life. In a minimum five-page essay please tell us a little bit about your life's story beginning with your childhood experience to the present. Please include where you have come from, where you are going and why you want to come to TARP.

Demographics:

Client Name: _____ AKA: _____ DOB: __/__/____
 Social Security #: ____/____/____ Estimated Arrival (EOS): _____
 Primary Language Spoken: _____ Race: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Legal Information:

Agency Name: _____ Referral Source: _____ Date: _____
 Probation Officer: _____ Telephone: _____ Court Date: _____

Criminal History: Arson ____ Sexual Offense ____ Felony Drug Conviction/or Violent Crime ____

Substance Use History: What is your drug(s) of choice: _____

Do you think your history of drug and/or alcohol use is a problem? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, describe _____

What situations cause you to use? _____

Have you ever been in a treatment setting for drug and/or alcohol abuse? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, where and when? _____

Is drug and/or alcohol treatment mandated by Parole? Yes ____ No ____ Unknown ____

Do you want treatment for drug and/or alcohol abuse? Yes ____ No ____

If in recovery, what would help prevent relapse? _____

Mental Health History: History of mental illness? ____ Diagnosis? ____

Previous Treatment? ____ Where? ____

Current Treatment _____

Do you take mental health meds? If yes, please list. _____

Do you have any current or past thoughts of hurting yourself or others? Please describe. _____

If you see a counselor, psychologist, or social worker have you discussed this with them? _____

Is there a Trauma History (e.g., violence, rape, incest, accident, etc)? _____

Angels of Mercy Ministries, (TARP)

Intake and Assessment Form

Community Medical Care History:

Primary Physician: _____ **Phone:** _____

Date of last outpatient visit: _____ **Reason:** _____

Other Medical Issues: _____

Medications: _____

Hepatitis C Status : Positive ___ Negative ___ Unknown ___ Previously treated(Date) _____

TB Status: Positive ___ Negative ___ Unknown ___ **Date of Last TB Skin Test:** _____

HIV Status: Positive: _____ **Date of Diagnosis:** _____ **Negative** _____ • **History of STD** _____

Gynecological Issue: _____ **Last Exam:** _____

Family Issues: (check all that apply)

Single ___ **Partnered** ___ **Married** ___ **Divorced** ___ **Widowed** ___

Children; How many? _____ **Names** _____ **Ages?** _____

Do you have concerns about children, parental rights, custody, etc. _____

Were there any problems with your living situation/relationships (i.e., domestic violence, fear, drug use, etc.) before your incarceration? _____

Housing:

Where do you plan on living after completion of TARP?FTWH _____

With whom _____

Do you have a preference for housing? _____

Do you have any disabilities that would require special housing placement? _____

Emergency Contact-Person to contact upon release-Next of Kin:

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Address:** _____

Person's relationship to you: _____

Angels of Mercy Ministries, "The Angels RestorationPlace," (TARP) Intake/ Assessment /Action Form

Documents Needed to Obtain Work:

State ID/ DL _____ SS Card _____ Birth Certificate _____

Barriers to work: _____ SSDI: _____ Amount: _____

Faith Affiliation:

Do you have a religious affiliation? If yes, what is it? _____

Have you been connected to an in-facility faith leader? _____

Do you have a connection established in your home community? _____

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal savior? _____

Do you have a relationship with Christ? _____ Have you been Baptized? _____ When? _____

Where? _____

All medications will be evaluated on an individual basis.

All medications must be approved by management and kept locked (unless otherwise noted).

I _____, understand that my success depends on my willingness to seek God and forsake other relationships, actions and behaviors that may be harmful to my success. I agree to abide by AOM Christ Center principles. As a guest of the TARP community, if it is deemed by management and staff that I am failing to adapt to the program, I agree to leave immediately.

_____ I understand that to be accepted to AOM I must be sober, incarcerated, or in a facility for at least 30 days.

_____ I understand that if I relapse and am caught using or testing positive, I am subject to immediate dismissal from the house.

_____ I understand that any violence against another resident or myself is grounds for immediate dismissal from the house.

_____ I understand that any infraction on this policy results in my immediate dismissal from the house and AOM program.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Staff Signature _____ Date: _____

THE ANGEL RESTORATION PROGRAM (TARP)

Phase 1

Rules Guest Agreement

This agreement is between Angels of Mercy Ministries (AOM) and guests named below. The signature indicates that the guest fully understands this agreement. TARP strives to provide restoration by offering a safe, stable, clean, supportive, and positive environment. This home will ensure guests an opportunity to reintegrate into community, family, work, and life in general. We strive to ease this transition so guests can focus on a firm foundation. Our mission is to restore women while transforming lives. TARP is a home for women who have a desire to make a 100% change in their lives. Below are terms required to remain in the TARP community. With that in mind we have developed the following agreement to develop a firm foundation; AOM would like to share our hope and strength with each guest. AOM believes Jesus is the Son of God.

FOUNDATION

God, Recovery, and a balance of everything else. AOM believes that Jesus has saved us from our sins and has the power to set us free. We also believe He gives us tools to carry out that deliverance. We believe a 12 step program is part of this foundation. Every guest must be ready for a change. No one can do this step for you. You must be willing to invest 100% as you did with whatever you struggled with before entering the program. The management here at TARP are looking for ways to help keep you on your path to recovery. Every guest will be treated on a CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

1. God is First
 - a. I will follow his commandments.
 - b. I will love God, and then my neighbor including myself.
 - i. In doing this I will cover all the codes listed here.
2. Recovery is a process
 - a. I will practice HOW (Honesty, Openmindedness, and Willingness).
 - b. I will commit to working on my 12 step program.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS while in TARP community

1. Daily devo at 7:30 am with other Angels unless working.
2. Weekly church attendance (2 of the weeks at our home church). Minimum of 1 hour daily devotion time every morning.
3. Daily journaling and reading of the Word.
4. Memorize a minimum of 2 scriptures weekly (bonus rewards earned for 4+ assigned scriptures).
5. Complete 35 volunteer/work search hours per week while not working, 5 hours while working or going to ONH (with a volunteer sheet turned in every Monday).
6. Participation in ALL required activities brought in and outside the home (including any and all life skills classes, Operation New Hope, Sharing Center, meetings, bible studies, church, etc.).
7. NO involvement in any romantic relationship with either male or female (unless married) for the first year. (Married couples will be evaluated on an individual basis).
8. Within the first week, each guest must submit a written goal statement, i.e. school, job, family, recovery program. There will be 1:1 provided to discuss goals and how we can help you to meet them, with either the CEO, life coach or both bi-weekly. As well as a relapse prevention paper.
9. Each guest MUST be working on the steps with a sponsor in the 12 step program of their choice.
10. Mandatory 7 AA/NA/CR meetings per week, have a sponsor and accountability partners, and be actively working the steps until the guest completes step 5. THEN: Once you are on step 6 mandatory 4 meetings per week.

HOURS

1. All guests will be up and out of bed, with bed made by 7am. (Unless you are working nights or it is your day off from your regular job)
2. **Curfew:** Sunday through Thursday 11pm; Friday and Saturday 12pm (Please contact staff no later than 10pm for authorization or changes.)
3. Quiet hours between 10pm - 7am. During these hours, keep noise levels to a minimum.
4. TV hours: After dinner, before 10pm (if no evening activities are noted) Weekends are up to staff.
5. Daily chores need to be **COMPLETED** by everyone before TV can be turned on.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

There is a **ZERO** tolerance policy that if broken, **will result in the guest's immediate dismissal from the house, NO EXCEPTIONS.** Our Zero Tolerance Policy is as follows:

Random urine screens may be given at the cost of \$25.00 to the guest and must be paid upon entry and at the time of test, if there is suspicion of abuse.

1. **No use** of alcohol or illicit drugs on or off premise at any time.
2. **No possession** of alcohol or illicit drugs, including any and all paraphernalia, on or off the property at any time.
3. **Consent** to be drug/alcohol tested upon request 24/7 (includes random urine and "alcohol detector" tests). Refusal to submit a test will be treated as a positive result.
4. **Consent** to management to search your room and/or personal belongings at any time. (No locked room at any time, AOM personnel may enter any room at any time).
5. **No gambling** is permitted under any circumstance.
6. **No stealing** is permitted under any circumstance.
7. There will be **no fighting, threats of violence, intimidation or horseplay** allowed at any time.
8. There will be no weapons, guns, knives, or otherwise allowed on property at any time.

General Conduct

- 1. NO Unsupervised trips off the property in the first 30 days without a sister.**
2. Do not answer the door. (First 30 days).
3. Visitation will be allowed after 30 days, Starting with 4 hours and going up to 6, 8, 12, and 24 hours, random breathalyzer and drug test will be submitted upon return to TARP.
4. Show respect for others, interact in a courteous and considerate way, use manners, practice tolerance.
- 5. Guest only with prior approval. No overnight visitors are permitted. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. Guests will be responsible for their personal hygiene and you are expected to bathe daily and brush your teeth 2x daily.
7. Chore lists will be posted weekly, maintaining cleanliness of God's home. Keep your personal area clean.
8. No fraternizing between guests, this includes sexual acts, kissing, petting, sexual gestures, holding hands, hugging etc.
9. Guests shall wear appropriate clothing when socializing, traveling or engaging in the community. Clothing that advertises drugs, alcohol, or violence is never permitted.
10. No guest will be allowed in another peers assigned room without permission and knowledge of the House Manager.
11. All guests are responsible for their own laundry and will be scheduled a day on the chart.
12. Guests will apply for food stamps. Sharing is permitted until the new girl applies.
13. Phone use will only be allowed outside or in the prayer room if no one is there.
When your phone is charging in the bedroom it needs to be in silent mode.
Telephone etiquette is required, watch what you say and how loud you say it, no Facetime or speaker, respect your fellow housemates.
14. These rules will be modified and updated as needed. Please refer regularly to the white board for any modifications or revisions.
15. I understand that there is a 30-day probationary period. This probationary time will determine if TARP is the best option for me.
16. Due to TARP facilities licenses and regulations the following are not allowed on

the premises, therefore I agree to not bring children (unless authorized), pets, weapons, and drugs/alcohol.

IF YOU ARE ASKED TO LEAVE FOR ANY REASON, ANY MONIES PAID BECOME FORFEITED, AND ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT YOU LEAVE BEHIND WILL BE CONSIDERED ABANDONED AND THEN BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF TARP AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STAFF IT WILL EITHER BE DONATED OR DESTROYED.

We require a \$300 entrance fee per client. If you or your family cannot pay, we will waive it until you have started working. Once working you will be expected to pay \$25.00 a week towards the entrance fee, until it has been paid in full. Each guest is required to pay rent at the amount agreed with the CEO weekly.

General Rules

1. Excuses do not cancel consequences.
2. No swearing and/or name calling.
3. Tardiness will not be tolerated- **you** are responsible to get yourself where you need to be on-time.
4. **No smoking or vaping in the house.** Smoking or vaping is allowed only in designated smoking areas OUTSIDE. Smoking/vaping is NOT allowed in ANY doorway or near property.
5. No Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, or any social media (for the first 30 days). All social media thereafter will be monitored through mandatory accountability app on each individual phone.
6. Eating and drinking **ONLY** in the **KITCHEN**.
7. **ALWAYS CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF.**
8. By signing below, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to these terms.

_____ I understand that IF it is my first violation AND the house agrees that I have been trying, my attitude has been good and I am HONEST, that I will be able to detox at a recognized detox facility, and be checked-out by staff. At that point IF all of the above have agreed, I MAY be considered for reentry to the program.

_____ I understand that management has the final say in reentry, if I am not a candidate, I must pack my things upon release from detox and vacate the premises.

_____ I understand that if I am not eligible for reentry, stepping back on the premises will be considered trespassing after vacating and the police will escort me from the premises, and that if I cannot take my things AOM can only hold items for 3 days.

_____ I understand that if I am eligible for reentry, my rent **must** stay current while detoxing.

I _____ agree to follow all the above requirements of the TARP Community.

Guest Signature _____ Date _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

CEO/Staff Signature _____ Date _____