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OF MERCY MINISTRIES

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

A transitional home for women reentering society from prison, jail, or rehab. It has all the resources they need; love, food, clothes, and shelter. They attend 12-step meetings, church, and life skills class bridging them to self sufficiency. Depending on the individual skill set, some may go right into the work-force; some may need on-the job training, or education. This holistic approach will help them transition back into society. We see several homes, maybe duplexes after the first transition home for the 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

**Aura Lynn-Rouse**, President/CEO is a successfully rehabilitated ex offender, she had a horrible accident and went to prison for four years. She knows the struggles of reentry first hand. She has utilized many stepping stones, and education to reinvent herself after incarceration. She is 15 years sober.

Aura currently has affordable housing to empower single families. She and the ladies volunteer weekly in our local community. Aura has been restored to her family, career, and dignity, and wishes to share that strength and hope with many.



***Angels of Mercy Ministries, "The Angels Restoration Place," (TARP)  
Intake/ Assessment /Action Form***

Angels of Mercy Ministries, Inc. (AOM) provides bridge housing, counseling, training, mentoring, and guidance for up to 10 participants, for up to an 18-month period. Our mentors will equip and enable them to become productive self-sufficient members of the community. AOM has designed a program, that will substantially decrease Seminole County's homeless population. Our goal is to provide resources women need to become self-sufficient upon reentry into society. Most women are released from prison, jail, and rehab with no where to go. They are required to have 30 days clean and sober prior to entrance. We will triage them into our program, and keep them safe, providing basic needs regardless of their criminal background, credit history, or past evictions.

Their journey will begin immediately with mentoring to self-sufficiency. During the first 30 days our triage staff will provide a tailored plan of action for each participant. This will be an intense time of prayer and counseling to help them adjust. They will have a specific path, depending on their prior experience. Our mentors will encourage steps with realistic, obtainable goals. The path to self-sufficiency with their families, and communities includes on-the job training, short term certificates, and higher education options. In doing so, this will build their skill-sets, self-worth, and catapult them to success. The first 30 days will be spent mainly on campus preparing for success in Phase 1. The participants will be required to follow our faith-based program. They must be actively working a recovery program, involved in self-help classes, and volunteer. There will be limited cell phone use for the first thirty days only approved calls to family with permission. The computer will be available for employment searches, education, and approved activities by staff. Once working and stable they will transfer to Phase 2, "Finding Their Way Home," (FTWH) a 6 bedroom/44 bath home. Guests will be required to adhere to all the rules including random drug tests. Any violation of the set rules could lead to termination of the program. We require a \$300 entrance fee and \$175 per week for rent. We

currently run "Angels Second Chance Boutique." This has branched into a food pantry and clothing center for those who can't afford. The ladies can volunteer their time here. Our mentors build confidence to those who may have been discouraged due to their backgrounds, poor decision making, or lack of work experience. This holistic approach will assist them to make permanent changes. Trauma counseling services are provided free of charge. AOM will assist to improve the community by shifting the mindset of potential employers. We will provide evidence of participant commitment to change documented by volunteer hours, training, and self-help participation. Helping them to see participants as possible employees. Presenting the value of giving someone's mother, daughter, or sister a second chance at life. We have partnered with several companies, and staffing agencies willing to hire ex-offenders. Failure to earn a respectable wage would increase the likelihood of re-engaging in criminal activity.



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**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:**

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Referral Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AKA: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Primary Language Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran Status: \_

**Probation Information:**

Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

Board Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Release Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Criminal History: Do you have a conviction history for: Arson \_\_\_ Sexual Offense \_\_\_\_\_

Felony Drug Conviction and/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? \_\_\_\_\_



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**Mental Health History:**

**History of mental illness? \_\_\_\_\_ Diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Previous Treatment? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Current Treatment \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you take medications for mental health issues? If yes, please list. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you have any current or past thoughts of hurting yourself or others? If yes, please describe.**

**If you see a mental health counselor, psychologist, social worker, Office of Mental Health or Department of Mental Hygiene staff, have you discussed this with them? \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Community Medical Care History:**

**Primary Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of last outpatient visit: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Reason: \_\_\_\_\_ Other**

**Medical Issues: \_\_\_\_\_**

**•Hepatitis C Status (check one): Positive \_\_\_ Negative \_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_ Previously treated?**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Current treatment? \_\_\_\_\_ If current, date started: \_\_\_\_\_**

**•TB Status: Positive \_\_\_ Negative \_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_ Date of Last TB Skin Test: \_\_\_\_\_**

**•HIV Status: Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_**

**HIV Positive \_\_\_ Negative \_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_**

**•History of STD \_\_\_\_\_**

**•Gynecological Issue: \_\_\_\_\_**



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**•Current Medications:**

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**•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?

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

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**•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? \_\_\_\_\_

**•Person to contact upon release:**

•Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Person's relationship  
to you: \_\_\_\_\_

**•Next of Kin/Emergency Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Person's relationship  
to you: \_\_\_\_\_



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***Documents Needed:***

State ID/ DL \_\_\_\_\_

SS Card \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

***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 to a faith leader(s) 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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.

(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.)

(sign) \_\_\_\_\_

(date) \_\_\_\_\_

### **PRINCIPLES**

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. **Weekly** church attendance (2 of the weeks at our home church).
2. 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** 25 volunteer hours per week (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 house mother, the CEO, or both bi-weekly. As well as a relapse prevention paper.
9. Each guest **MUST** be working on the steps.
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.

### **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.

## **ZERO TOLERANCE AGREEMENTS**

(initial each one)

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that to be accepted to AOM I must be sober, incarcerated, or in a facility for at least one month.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 infraction on this policy results in my immediate dismissal from the house and AOM program.

## **MEDICATIONS**

1. All medications will be evaluated on an individual basis.
2. All medications must be approved by management and kept by staff (unless otherwise noted).

## **HOURS**

1. **All guests** will be up and out of bed, with bed made by **7am**.
  - a. (Unless you are working nights or it is your day off from your regular job)
2. **Curfew:**
  - a. Sunday through Thursday 10pm; Friday and Saturday 11pm (Please contact your House Manager no later than 9:00pm for authorization or changes.)
3. **Quiet hours** between 9pm - 7am. During these hours, keep noise levels to a minimum.
4. **TV hours:**
  - a. After dinner, before 10pm (if no evening activities are noted)
    1. Weekends are up to the house mom.
  - b. **Daily chores need to be COMPLETED by everyone before TV can be turned on.**

## **General Conduct**

- 1. NO Unsupervised trips off the property in the first 30 days.**
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 peer's 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 and they will be shared between guests. All food stamp cards will be held by the house manager.  
Phone use will only be allowed outside or in the prayer room if no one is there.
13. 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 \_\_\_\_\_