

MAY 2025

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Donation Needs

- Sleeping Mats
- Razors
- Deodorant
- · Children's Books
- Sensory Headphones
- Umbrellas
- Dish Soap

Check us out on Amazon >> ourhouseshelter.org/wishlist



Community Corner

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate the groundbreaking of *Building New Beginnings*, our next phase to provide more housing for homeless families!

Volunteer

For more information, visit ourhouseshelter.org/volunteer

Looking for a summer activity? Come volunteer with us a Our House! Sort donations in the Our House Resale Store, join Bright Beginnings for water play days, tutor in Our Club, and much more!

Project Swim

We need your help to make this the best summer ever! Donate today to equip over 150 children and youth participating in our Summer Program with swim suits, goggles, sun screen, towels, and all of the essentials they need to enjoy the summer! Give now or shop on Amazon at **ourhouseshelter.org/projectswim!**

Health & Wellness Day

We're hosting FREE fun-filled day for all ages, featuring healthy activities and resources on May 31st from 10am – 1pm! Our partner agencies will be out to help connect you to resources for food, insurance, family planning, recovery, mental health, and more! We'll have bounce houses, face painting, Zumba, karate, and yoga, haircuts, school physicals, and free health screenings!

Spotlight: Tavia

For eight years, Tavia was a stay-at-home mom in an increasingly abusive marriage, but in 2023 she found the courage to leave her husband and find a safer home for her family. She first moved in with her mother, but within a year her mother passed away. Struggling with grief but determined to build a new life for her family, Tavia and her children came to Our House, where she was one of the first families to move into our new Mabee Family House. Tavia got her older children enrolled in Our Club and her youngest daughter enrolled in Bright Beginnings, so she could focus on finding a job with help from the Career Center. Without much work experience, she had trouble finding a job, and thus she was a great candidate for our job training program. For the past three months Tavia has thrived working at our Resale Store, building her customer service skills and getting a chance to use her creativity to help design displays and dress mannequins that show off the great products available in our store. Working at the Resale Store is just the first step on Tavia's journey to a bright future for her family. She is planning to stay as long as she can at Our House, saving money, finding a career, supporting her children and making a plan for a stable future.

