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For Houston's Homeless Since 1907

NBTA will undertake a service project at this year's Convention. We will be refurbishing a Transitional Living Center for Women and Children in downtown Houston, the Star of Hope (SOH).

Where: 6801 Ardmore, Houston, TX 77054

When: Saturday August 7th, 1 – 4pm

What has been committed?:

All painting and mulching materials have been generously funded by **Adtrav**

The **Greater Houston CVB and Amtrak** have donated refreshment station for volunteers

Lowe's Home Improvement has donated 55 - 6' ladders for the painting portion of the project

What is needed/How can you help? 3 options

- **First** – Volunteer your time by painting/mulching at the SOH on Saturday August 7th from 1-4pm. NBTA's participant goal is 300. Shuttle busses to the SOH (less than 5 miles from the Convention Center) will be provided to and from the Convention Center starting at 12:15. Snacks and beverages generously provided by Greater Houston CVB and Amtrak.
- **Second** – Small individual donations (\$10) in the NBTA registration process. Or, larger amounts can be donated to NBTA by sending a check to NBTA – SOH project, c/o Zane Kerby 110 North Royal St. 4th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. 100% of proceeds will be donated to SOH.
- **Third** – Company or chapter or individual can collect/bring basics such as toiletries, bed sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels to NBTA's registration area at the Convention Center, which NBTA will collect and donate to SOH.

Overview of Star of Hope's Transitional Living Center for Women & Children

Every day at Star of Hope, with help from caring people like you, nearly 1,000 men, women and children find comfort in crisis and the tools for a brighter future. Established in 1907, Star of Hope Mission began as an outreach to Houston's homeless and addicted men. In recent years, as women and children became the fastest growing homeless population, we developed programs to meet their needs as well.

The Transitional Living Center for Women & Families (TLC) helps clients transition from homelessness to become successful, independent members of our community. It takes time to break the generational cycle of abuse, neglect and addiction that traps so many families. The Transitional Living Center's intensive program offers women and families new hope through a 12-18 month case management-base program. TLC has 66 one, two and three bedroom apartments for families and a college dorm setting for 45 women. TLC is comprehensive and includes personal development, parenting skills, spiritual development, a TCADA licensed substance abuse recovery program, career development, GED tutoring and counseling. The state-licensed children's program, including childcare, preschool and after-school activities and homework assistance, provides a great foundation for our children and keeps children busy with activities that are fun, positive, enriching, creative and educational. In addition to having a great time together, the teen program focuses on education and healthy living patterns. We are thrilled for the opportunity to work with NBTA volunteers as together we serve Houston's homeless men, women and children!

NBTA Project Overview

No one wants to be homeless. Many Star of Hope clients come from backgrounds of abuse, addiction and generational poverty. Some grew up homeless and homelessness is all they have ever known. But when they come to Star of Hope, they find there is indeed hope for a better tomorrow. Oftentimes when clients move into our Transitional Living Center, we hear comments like, "I feel safe", "My bed has sheets" or "This is the nicest place I've ever lived". By maintaining and beautifying our facilities, we help uplift and improve the self-esteem of those struggling through difficult times; we model for clients what family, neighbors and community can be; and we are a good neighbor in our own community. NBTA volunteers will participate in two projects: volunteers will paint the interior walls of unoccupied apartments so that they are ready for new families and we will re-mulch flowerbeds. Not only is the work accomplished important, it means the world to our clients that strangers take time from busy lives to help. It touches the hearts of our clients and can be the very thing that inspires a client to change his/her life! On behalf of the clients we serve, thank you for volunteering!