

PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION: Hope Center Funding

Organization Name: House of Providence

Annual Budget: The annual budget of our existing operation at House of Providence is \$1.1M. For the Hope Center, we anticipate our annual budget will be between \$750K to \$1M.

How does your organization align with Christian values?

We believe Jesus Christ is the living Son of God. We believe He was God Incarnate while on earth. He was supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe He lived, worked, and ministered without sin. We believe He was crucified, buried, rose, and ascended into heaven, and that He will come again and will establish God's kingdom forever.

How does your organization fit with our mission?

We believe that it is the church's responsibility and opportunity to care for the orphans and widows, giving them the privilege to experience the love of the Father daily as we care, provide and protect. We exist to instill hope in children who have only known the intense instability of foster care by emulating the unconditional love of a healthy family to them.

House of Providence pursues our most broken children in foster care with the love of Jesus Christ. Through evidence-based strategies, a family environment, and a standard of excellence that communicates the value we see in each life we get to serve, we create a space for Jesus to overwhelm their hearts with His perfect love that transforms their lives—showing them they are not alone, they are not orphans, but they are beloved sons and daughters of the King.

Healed by the love of God, we get to watch these children overcome every statistic and label that says they should fail and remain forever broken; they find forever families and leave the foster care system permanently at rates the status quo in foster care would say are impossible.

Through the Hope Center, we are going upstream and put a stick in the spokes of the generational cycle of poverty that overburdens our foster care system—helping at risk families stay out of the child welfare system and supporting those already involved.

Project Proposal: Please tell us how grant funds would be used, if awarded. Operating costs is an acceptable answer, but please provide more detail if you are able.

Grant funds will be used to fuel renovations of the Hope Center. We have already invested just over \$400,000 into the renovations of the building and require \$371,135 to complete renovations. Within the Hope Center, our goal is to open the Providence Learning Center and the Family Resource Center by January 1st 2025.

Providence Learning Center is a K-8, holistic, year-round, trauma-informed school for children with extreme social, emotional, and behavioral needs due to trauma and foster care experience. For nearly a decade, we have used this educational model to revolutionize outcomes for the children residing at House of Providence. So many have been able to overcome academic chasms to not only catch up but outperform their peers with no foster care experience. Completing renovations on the Hope Center will enable us to open the doors of this program to other students impacted by foster care and adoption.

The Family Resource Center will be comprised of several different programs to support child welfare involved families as well as those at risk of child welfare involvement. It will include youth mentorship programs for middle- and elementary-school aged students, post-abortion

services like grief groups and surrender the secret, GED support, substance abuse treatment groups like celebrate recovery, supportive visitation for parents with children in foster care, and counseling on trauma-healing and attachment repair.

It is meant to be an on-ramp for the church to serve these families effectively and an off-ramp for families from the chaos of child-welfare involvement. Your support would expedite the opening of these vital programs.