Ten-Year Refresh

After a decade of Merci's Refuge being home to 124 women and 19 babies, it's time for a refresh and a few updates. Below is a link to our Amazon Wishlist and a list of our ongoing needs. We ask that items be in new condition. Please direct questions about specific items to 217-378-4045 or mercisrefuge@hopeforafuture.com. We are thankful for your in-kind gift that helps us offer our program free of charge to residents and continues to make Merci's Refuge feel like home!

Wishlist

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to view our Amazon wishlist

General Household

- Twin sheets
- Queen sheets
- Foam pads (single bed)
- Large area rugs
- Weights/workout equipment
- Dumbbells
- Vacuum cleaner
- Alarm clocks
- Everyday dishes

Gift Cards

- Walmart
- Amazon
- Meijer
- Visa

Ongoing Needs

Household Supplies

- Ziploc bags
- Tall drawstring trash bags
- Dishwasher detergent
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Laundry fabric softener
- Dryer sheets
- Hand soap
- Laundry detergent
- Multipurpose cleaner

Clothing Items

- Socks
- Underwear and bras (various sizes)
- Winter gloves
- Snow boots

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Volunteer Needs

Overnight Volunteers

Come in the evening (usually around 6:30 p.m.) and connect with residents through conversation, games, or by interacting with their little ones. Provide accountability to expectations through your presence. Ensure doors are locked at 10 p.m. and retire to your private room for the night. Notify on-call staff if any issues arise. Leave whenever you're ready in the morning.

Co-Lead Classes & Activities

Help facilitate a weekly class or periodic activity with residents.

Mentoring

Enjoy building relationships and encouraging others? Connect with residents weekly, help them accomplish goals, and model healthy relationships.

Hospitality

Help staff make spaces warm and inviting for the next resident. Lend a hand during "welcome week" orientation and meals.
Administration – Serving behind the scenes more your thing? Assist with data entry, taking messages, and keeping important systems running smoothly.

Property Maintenance

Handy with a screwdriver, unclogging a sink, pulling weeds, or figuring out why an appliance isn't working? We can use your help!

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Legacy Giving

As a trusted federal 501(c)(3) charitable organization, Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center is deeply grateful for the generous support of donors like you. Your gifts — big or small — make a meaningful difference in the lives of the women, men, and families we serve.

Giving is simple, secure, and can be tailored to fit your unique generosity and financial goals. You can choose from a variety of options:

one-time gifts
monthly or quarterly donations
event underwriting
planned giving

Every contribution helps provide critical resources, compassionate care, and hope to those who need it most.

For those interested in leaving a lasting impact, planned giving offers a powerful way to create a legacy. You might consider naming Living Alternatives as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy or including us in your will or living trust. Planned gifts not only fulfill your current financial needs but also extend your influence far beyond your lifetime — helping future generations find hope and support.

If you have questions or want to explore the best giving option for you, please reach out. The team at your local center is ready to assist, or you can contact us directly at **admin@hopeforafuture.com**.

Thank you for partnering with us to bring hope, healing, and life-changing support to families in our community. Your generosity truly transforms lives.

Leave behind a lasting legacy that goes beyond your lifetime.