

The Christamore House, through education, partnerships, and accountability, empowers the people of Haughville to be self-sufficient and contributing members of a safe and healthy community.

Family Strengthening

The Christamore House understands many of our neighborhood families are challenged by the effects of living in poverty and some are at risk of becoming homeless. As a result, the Family Strengthening Department employs the Center for Working Families (CWF) model in an effort to meet the needs of the clients we serve and to assist them with ultimately achieving and sustaining self-sufficiency. Case management services currently offered at the Christamore House include provision of: emergency food and clothing; infant supplies; utility assistance and financial literacy training. In addition, the Family Strengthening Department refers clients to partner organizations that provide mental health counseling, domestic violence services, health services and other services that are not currently provided on-site at the Christamore House.

Youth Employment Services (Y.E.S.)

The Youth Employment Services (Y.E.S.) program has a primary goal of assisting teens and young adults between the ages of 18-25 who no longer attend school in their efforts to gain valuable job skills training. Secondary goals of the program include helping participants: chart paths of education; make positive decisions regarding their future; and, to become involved in leadership opportunities and community endeavors. Curriculum lessons include completion of skills assessments,

self esteem building, identifying barriers to success, goal setting, job applications, mock interviews and maintaining employment. Active participation in the Y.E.S program offers opportunities for enrollees to achieve certifications in nursing assistance, medical billing and real estate. Participation in the program also allows the computer lab at the Christamore House to be utilized for job searches, resume writing and networking with the WorkOne and Westside Community Ministries programs for job referrals. The Y.E.S program is funded by the Indianapolis Private Industry Council/Lilly Endowment Inc., and provides financial assistance for transportation to and from work and interviews, interview clothing and tuition assistance.

Seniors Program

The Seniors Program is based on the belief that senior citizens are happier and healthier when they have increased access to recreational and social activities outside of their homes. The Senior Program at the Christamore House is designed to provide seniors with regular opportunities for social interaction; enrichment activities; hot, nutritious meals accompanied by nutrition information; health screenings; shopping trips and field trips to other local attractions. The program is offered to persons 55 years of age and older, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Lending consideration to the fact that many seniors live on a fixed income, the program has low, annual dues of \$25.00 that allows them to participate in all regularly scheduled events through the calendar year.

Family Strengthening Employment Assistance

This component of programming aims to assist clients who do not fit the age requirements of the Y.E.S program with finding, obtaining and maintaining gainful employment. Offerings of this program include: one-on-one resume development assistance; job and career leads; job readiness training; mock interviews; and on-going case management.

Bi-Lingual Services

In an effort to ensure that our staff is representative of the clients we serve and that programming is attainable and beneficial to many different cultures, the Christamore House employs a bi-lingual case manager who also serves as a translator and liaison to the Spanish-speaking community within our catchment area. Special attention is paid to ensuring the Spanish-speaking population of the Haughville neighborhood and near-Westside of Indianapolis are aware of the programming that is offered and that access to programming can be attained through a phone call or short visit to the organization. This staff member is available during the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The Christamore House looks forward to providing services to all people and eliminating any barriers to successfully doing so.

