

**Site of  
Merton House II**

**Merton  
House**



**CONNECTICUT  
HOUSING  
PARTNERS**

**MAKING HOME HAPPEN**

**GIVE WOMEN & CHILDREN A NEW START**

**HELP US BUILD MERTON II**

***Every woman and child  
deserves a safe & stable  
place to live.***

Merton House provides homes and supportive services for women and their children who have experienced homelessness. With your partnership and financial help, Merton House II can be built, giving another 30 at-risk families an opportunity to thrive.

**6 years**

Average age  
of children in  
homeless shelters

**85%**

of homeless  
families are women  
and children

**63%**

of homeless women  
have been victims  
of domestic violence

**156%**

capacity at  
Connecticut  
homeless shelters  
in 2023.

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## VOICES OF STRENGTH, HOPE & HEALING

The inspiring testimonials of women who have found safety, support, and a fresh start after finding Merton House.



*“When I walked into the apartment I started crying. I couldn’t believe I was going to finally have a stable place for my daughters and myself.”*

Sara was homeless before she came to the Merton House — living in shelters or staying with her mother, working two jobs and suffering from depression. Having nothing but their clothes when they arrived, Sara’s gratitude for a home included the extra blessings of furniture in the apartment and the support provided by the on site case managers as they helped her navigate the process of getting her driver’s license and GED.



*“Merton House has given me peace of mind. It’s a place where I can say we’re home now and safe, where I can breathe and actually dream.”*

Takeiya had just graduated from high school when she found out she was pregnant. She was kicked out of her house and her dreams of being a lawyer were dashed. Financially and emotionally unstable, Takeiya began moving place to place, carrying all her possessions in laundry bags. In despair, she ended up living in her car with her son. When a unit in Merton House opened up, Takeiya and her family finally found the home and help they needed to heal and dream.



*“Living in a stable environment allowed me to take care of my son and to take care of his future.”*

When Giovanna found out she was pregnant, the baby’s father was not supportive, even encouraging her to put the baby up for adoption or have an abortion. Determined to keep her baby, Giovanna lived in the streets and in shelters, until she found Merton House when her son was 11 months old. *“The supportive services helped my son and I to become stable in life and finances. I accomplished something coming from the bottom to the top.”*



## EMPOWERING FAMILIES FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE: *Comprehensive Support for Stability and Wellbeing*

A child's academic progress is reliant on social and emotional development, attention to physical and mental wellness, and access to safe and stable housing.

### **Merton House helps when there is:**

- Sudden Loss of a Job
- Medical emergency
- Domestic violence
- Unexpected challenges

Which can leave women and children vulnerable and at risk



### **Our supportive services program empowers families to achieve stability in housing, health, finances, and wellbeing.**

- Counseling to help children and women overcome the trauma and stress of housing insecurity
- Educational programs and tutoring to help children get back on track academically
- Job training and connection to certificate programs or scholarships to help women achieve financial stability
- Preventing food insecurity through coordination with SNAP and on-site hydroponic farming



# CONNECTICUT HOUSING PARTNERS

## With Your Financial Support We Can **MAKE HOME HAPPEN**

Empower Women and Children by Providing  
Stable Housing, Health and Financial Support

**“Home Today, a Foundation for the Future”**

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