

2018-1019 Annual Report

Team name: Alpha House

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Alpha House is a shelter for homeless families, founded over 25 years ago by UUAA and other congregations as a community response to family homelessness. Our committee recruits volunteers for meal prep and delivery, children's activity time and more. This work reflects core UU values as it supports the inherent worth and dignity of every person and the goal of world community.

Activities from May 2018 through April 2019 included:

- Providing meal and children's activity volunteers for residents 4 weeks/year requiring 100+ volunteers each time. Volunteers sign up either on-line or at the sign-up table in the social hall.
- Collecting donated funds to assist with the purchase of groceries and other supplies used during host weeks. This generally runs between \$200-400/weekly. Funds donated by UU members were applied towards these costs.
- Volunteers from UUAA, including 7th grade SGD class, hosted seasonal activities for Alpha House children throughout the year.
- With the help of Ignite and UUAA Men, 6 resident rooms were painted at the shelter
- Volunteers had been providing overnight support to employees at the shelter during host weeks, but will not do so in the future. Alpha House will be converting the overnight support bedroom to family sleeping quarters
- Recruited new members to the committee and provided volunteer training.

Future Goals

- Continue to host meal service 4 weeks per year along with providing children's activities.
- Work in tandem with Alpha House to identify needs and assist them to achieve their goals of rapidly restoring families to community living. This year they have identified a need for assistance refurbishing bicycles for residents to facilitate healthy outdoor family activities. This activity will be performed during our host week of 4/15-4/21.
- To get involved, contact AlphaHouse@UUAA.org