



Room at the Inn

3415 Bridgeland Drive • Bridgeton, MO 63044

What's Happening at Room at the Inn

Client Update:

We know you like to hear about our clients. Today's update will fill in the lines a bit about what's happening for a few of the wonderful guests you host and help along their journey to housing.

Our Client's are Employed!

Transitional Housing Pilot

Jamillah and children: Kyren – 2 , Nehri – 1

Jamillah is our **first candidate for the pilot Transitional Housing Program**. While in the emergency shelter program, Jamillah had been connected with Parent's as Teachers for parental education and BJC for mental health. Jamillah has accepted an offer from Spectrum in St. Ann as a MAC Coordinator. She will begin her 4 week training starting November 15th. She will earn \$15.00 per/hr. She has been able to successfully enroll her children at Jump Start Learning Center in Bridgeton for her childcare needs. Outside of permanent housing (currently Jamillah is in transitional housing until the end of this year), Jamillah's greatest need is **transportation**. To get to work on time, Jamillah must travel nearly two hours on the bus and walk 20 minutes from the bus stop to her childcare provider with her small children, ages 1 and 2. Once she secures her children at the childcare provider, she must then walk the same 20 minutes back to the bus stop to get to work. She must then repeat this route when she gets off from work. While she is in training her work hours will be from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. She will have this schedule for the next four weeks, after which she will work from 2 p.m. -11 p.m. at night. Having a vehicle would provide Jamillah with the leg up she needs for continued success and stability.

Full Time Employment

Kenyatta and children: Royal – 3, Razik – 1

Christina and children: Diamond – 16, Christian – 9

Kenyatta and Christina are both working full time at Strawberry's Day Care. Room at the Inn is providing transportation to the day care each morning and picking the clients up each afternoon. Volunteers and staff are working together to make this happen. The clients work from 9 am – 4 pm. It has been a great way for them to save money prior to a housing placement. Christina's children are in school while she works. Kenyatta's children are allowed to attend the day care she is employed at. We are thankful for this opportunity for our clients and are trying our best to provide transportation since there is not a bus route to this day care.

Deitrice has Housing!

Deitrice, along with her son Justice, has been approved this week to move into an apartment. She is projected to move into her new apartment the first week of December. **She needs \$755 for the deposit.** If you can help with this need, please contact David Weber(director) or Angie Hamilton (client coordinator) at 314-209-9181.

Drivers Needed: Interested in driving for Room at the Inn day site? We drive clients to work, doctor's appointment, interviews, appointments for housing, food pantries, agencies that provide items needed to set up housing, and other places that help meet our clients' needs. We'd love to have you on our driving team. A driver's license and proof of insurance is needed to drive. No special driver's license is needed to drive our Room van. Just give us a call and we will add you to our weekly driving schedule or add you to on our call list.

Thank you to Jim Lappe (Mon morning driver) and Ken Cohen (Fri morning driver) for your weekly service of driving for Room at the Inn.

Receptionist: We are trying to fill the weekly work schedule with a receptionist. We are about half way there. If you are interested in helping answer the phones, please call Cindy Warren for more info (314-209-9181).

Tis the Season to be Giving:

You may be wondering what we could use at Room at the Inn?

Needed items:

laundry detergent pjs sweat pants coats toothbrush holders soap holders