

# Your help is needed!

To meet the needs of youth in crisis, the Janus House Center facilities at 385 Barnum Avenue contains two host home residences. The Center also seeks Host Homes in the community to provide occasional care.

Janus House trains and supervises these Host Home households to care for youth between the ages of 11-17.

Host Homes enable The Janus House Center to assist more youth by supplying additional secure, caring sites.

Host Homes help youth in crisis, giving personal attention, nurture and love in a personal, family atmosphere.

Households must meet the following requirements to become a Host Home:

- Be over 21 years of age, single or married
- Own or rent a home
- Participate in required training
- Be emotionally and financially stable
- Give written permission for a background check through the State of Connecticut and the Department of Children & Families
- Open heart and home to provide discipline, care and love



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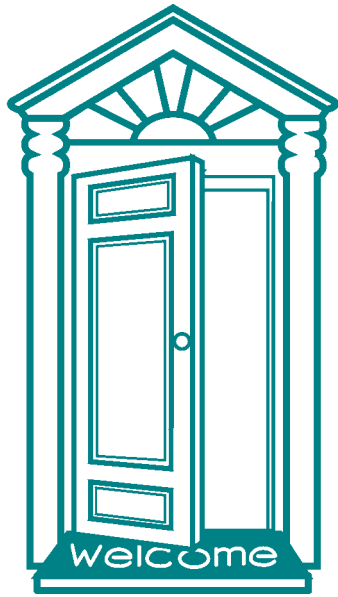
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## How do Host Homes help?

When a young person contacts The Janus House Center, an outreach worker, along with the youth, determines whether a host home is appropriate. Necessary parental or guardian permission is obtained. The Host Home is then contacted and arrangements are made. During the youth's stay, the outreach worker will be in regular contact with the youth, his/her parents or guardian, and the Host Home Family to seek ways of reconciling the problems which resulted in the youth's leaving home.



## How long do they stay?

The youth may be in the Host Home from one day to three weeks. After that, the youth will return home, or alternative living arrangements will be made.

## Expectations

- **The parents or guardians are legally responsible for their youth, not the Host Home Family or The Janus House Center. Parents or legal guardians have complete responsibility for any medical or financial needs that arise for their child.**
- **A Host Family is expected to provide shelter and regular meals for the youth. They are not expected to provide for financial needs that may arise, nor to be counselors or doctors.**
- **The youth must comply with the house rules of the Host Home.**
- **The youth is expected to share in a reasonable part of the household chores.**
- **While in Host Home care, youths agree to abstain from the use of drugs or alcohol.**

## What is a Host Home?

A Host Home is a household that voluntarily opens their heart and home to a youth who needs temporary shelter, board and care. When youths cannot return home and are not under the supervision of Department of Children and Families (DCF), they need short-term host home care.

## Who are the youth?

Host Homes care for Greater Bridgeport boys and girls between 11 and 17 who are having significant family or personal difficulties that make staying in their own home overly stressful or unhealthy. They are not known to have severe emotional or behavior problems, or to be heavily involved with drugs or alcohol.

## Your help is needed!

Persons or families who are interested in giving troubled youth their time, concern and love, and in sharing their home for a short time, please contact:



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