



The House of Ruth
Domestic Violence Shelter

Welcome to The House of Ruth

The Center for Child and Family Advocacy established ownership of The House of Ruth in the 1980's.

The House of Ruth provides safe housing to women and children who are victimized by domestic violence.

The House of Ruth also serves as a crisis hotline.
The shelter provides services to victims from across the country.

The House of Ruth provides **safe** shelter in a **home-like** atmosphere that is complete with a kitchen, dining room, 5 bedrooms, family room, play room, laundry facility, a fenced-in backyard with a play set for the children and patio furniture.



— DINING ROOM —



— KITCHEN —



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The bedrooms were furnished through the generosity of The Women's Giving Circle of Defiance County, The Pfizer Foundation, Dr. Greg and Joy Edwards and Family, and The Church of The Nazarene.

Each room, including the hallways, dining, and kitchen were freshly painted by volunteers from The Church of The Nazarene.





— PLAY ROOM —



— LAUNDRY —



— FAMILY ROOM —



——— PLAY SET ———



——— BACKYARD ———

The fence was recently painted in the summer of 2018 by The Black Swamp Arts Council, the staff, and the women and children.



There is **no cost for services to residents during their shelter stay.**

The shelter provides numerous services and resources such as transportation, groceries, clothing, hygiene products, necessary household tools, case management.

The case manager works with the clients in shelter.

She is available to women and children staying at The House of Ruth.

She works with the residents on:

- establishing their goals
 - providing information and referrals to community resources
 - housing and job searches
 - domestic violence education
 - supportive services
 - and any other services the clients may request
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There are two offices for residents to talk one-on-one with staff. These offices are also used for staff to have privacy to answer the hotline calls.



MAIN OFFICE



DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



A new program was established for victims with animals called **Paws Project**.

The House of Ruth is not able to house animals that victims may have.

The animals will go into temporary care of Paws Project where they will receive the best care at no cost.

For safety purposes the location of the animals is kept confidential.



For More Information

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