



RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



About us

Raphael House, the first shelter for children and families experiencing homelessness in Northern California, provides an environment of loving support where families are able to move toward brighter and more hopeful futures. Through a “homeowners” approach to social service, we work with parents and families to lay the foundation for a lifetime of healthy development, achievement, and stability. Our Residential Program has a proven history of providing an environment for healthy growth and development of children and families. Long after a family departs to stable housing, our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors remain committed to the lifetime success of each of our families through a spectrum of AfterCare services. What began as a homeless drop-in shelter has grown into a full service family support center where families thrive.

The mission of Raphael House is to help at-risk children and their parents achieve stable housing and financial independence, while strengthening family bonds and personal dignity.

Residential Community Internship Program (RCI)

Our Residential Community Internship Program provides an opportunity for students and adult professionals from various faith backgrounds to participate in directly serving homeless and low-income families. By partnering with students and adult professionals from faith committees that are dedicated to issues of social justice and empowerment of those living in poverty, everyone benefits: the families that we serve, the congregations that we partner with, and our community at large.

A residential intern may be placed in any of the following programs:

Residential Program: Serving families living in the shelter program with day-to-day activities, acclimating to living in a community, conflict resolution, and life skills.

Case Management Assistant: Working with families both in the AfterCare and Residential Programs towards independence and long-term stability. Includes client interviews, advocacy calls and community referrals.

Children's Program: Providing enriching and educational opportunities to children, such as one on one tutoring, art activities, and community outings.

Development: Assist with the fundraising aspects that allows Raphael House to serve families experiencing homelessness.

Internship Highlights

- Six or twelve month placements
- Live in a community with other Residential Community Interns
- Receive a monthly stipend
- Participate in community activities within San Francisco
- Obtain hands-on experience and develop skills through professional development trainings
- Acquire a greater understanding of San Francisco non-profits and a community committed to social justice and service

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