

Wingard Home, Inc.

1279 N. West St.

Jackson, MS 39202

#1 Wingard Home is a shelter/transitional home for the homeless and displaced of Jackson, Mississippi, and the surrounding areas. We are dedicated to a Biblical concept toward the family unit. At Wingard, our main focus is to facilitate the structural integrity of the family unit through homelessness, disaster, abuse, or displacement. Wingard Home takes a holistic approach toward the alleviation of the mental, physical, and spiritual stressors of the state of homelessness. This begins in the initial interview meeting as people in dire straits have someone to talk to about their problems. If we are unable to help with their situation, we act as a referral pivot point toward other agencies for solutions. This initially instills “hope” toward resolution of their problems through our referral process. If we **are** able to help with their situation, we have them read and sign a rule sheet so that they are totally aware of all the rules and our expectations up front. They must be able and willing to get a job and work toward becoming financially stable again. They must be willing to learn about budgeting, parenting, anger-management (if needed) and have an attitude of willingness to get better and recover from the trauma that caused their dilemma. We move them (and their family if they have one) into the dormitories. Their life at Wingard Home is made to feel and look as much like “normal” family living as we can manage. We help them with transportation, computers available with WIFI, resume service, counseling, Bible studies, food, shelter, utilities, personal care supplies, bedding, clothing, shoes, television, movie nights (for children and adults), birthday parties, holiday celebrations, referrals (for schooling, medical, dental, legal, GED, college classes, and therapy). WE are totally involved in their recovery as Pastors, counselors, disciplinarians, teachers, and advisors. They can live at Wingard Home for no charge, until they successfully work the program and are able to find their own place to live. At that point, they should have accomplished some pre-set goals: good job with a steady paycheck, paid up all old bills, set up a bank account and established a relationship with a human banker, gotten legal with paperwork and a license to drive, gotten a vehicle, set up insurance for the vehicle, started going to a

church of their choice to establish relationships toward maintenance of “normal” lifestyle. Success has as many faces as the number of people we serve as it is different for every situation. The perimeters I have listed are merely a programmatic skeleton.

Simply, our mission is to get men, women, children and families off the streets, out of the government welfare system, and working a job toward independence and financial stability.