



## **Program Description Karis, Inc.**

Karis, Inc. (doing business as *The House*) is a non-profit organization in Mesa County serving homeless teens and adults. The goals of Karis programs are to help our homeless neighbors improve overall well-being; develop permanent positive relationships; build educational and/or employment skills; and establish safe and reliable housing. Karis programs include the House, the Bridges Program, Zoe House, the Street Outreach Program, the Other House, and Asset House.

### **THE HOUSE**

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**The House** is a state-licensed temporary shelter for homeless, runaway, and unaccompanied youth ages 13 through 20. The House helps teens move towards stable and safe housing and other youth-driven goals through intensive case management and support from advocates, volunteers, and mentors.

The House has the capacity for the maximum of ten teens at a time. Per state and federal standards, they may stay for 3 weeks but extension is possible. Some teens may be able to reunite with families; some may find other housing options. Barring exceptions, teens under 18 are guaranteed a bed at the House.

### **ZOE HOUSE**

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Zoe House is a safe transitional housing program for youth survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Zoe House serves 18-24 year olds and their dependents who are homeless or about to become homeless because they are survivors of the aforementioned crimes. Youth that meet the eligibility criteria can remain in the program 6-24 months. Zoe House supportive services are voluntary and based on a trauma-informed care approach.

## **THE STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM**

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The Street Outreach Program (SOP) reaches out to homeless, runaway and unaccompanied youth between ages 13 and 24 in Mesa County.

The Street Outreach Program utilizes goals and objectives that have been designed to help bolster the protective factors of youth (connecting youth with schools, employment, health care, caring adults), reduce risk factors (substance use, unprotected sex, and emotional distress caused by lack of housing or gateway services), and/or address the needs of youth who have been or are likely to be subjected to sexual abuse, commercial sexual exploitation, or sexual exploitation.

The Street Outreach Program utilizes Youth Advocates to support youth in reaching their goals in overall wellbeing. Youth advocates reach out to homeless youth on the streets, at locations that these youth frequent, *and at all high schools in Mesa County*.

Youth can also access SOP services at **the Fourth House**. The Fourth House is located in downtown Grand Junction. It is a safe place for youth to relax, do laundry, take a shower, enjoy a healthy meal, meet with an advocate, participate in group activities, receive gateway services, and receive assistance with employment and education.

## **THE OTHER HOUSE**

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The Other House is a transitional housing program for youth who are between 18 and 23. It is a place for youth who are more stable and independent but do not have the resources or readiness to rent their own place. Youth can stay there for up to two years. Most youth in the program are working at least 20 hours a week. Rent and deposit are at lower rates than market rates and payment plans are available. Youth Advocates provide support to youth as needed.

## **THE ASSET HOUSE**

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The Asset House is a transitional housing program for adults ages 18 and older. Residents can stay at Asset House for up to two years. There are 12 rooms for residents. Each room can house up to two people. Managers are on site to provide support and assistance. The weekly rent includes food and utilities.