David’s House

Welcome to David’s House! As Founder and President, I want to personally thank you for taking an interest in the David’s House Foundation. My name is Darrell Smith, and my younger brother David is the inspiration for this project. David’s struggles with addiction inspired me to act and provide a safe environment for others dealing with addiction to find solace and sobriety.

In the summer of 1970, I met my first mentor named Monte. He hired me as a gas jockey and taught me to strive for excellence through serving others. While others simply sold gasoline, Monte was selling service. With this brief introduction to the service of others, I moved forward through different careers focusing on helping and serving others. From Police Officer to Nurse to Sports Massage Therapist for the Professional Bull Riding organization, I met different kinds of people and helped them with their pain. Throughout my journey, I was always searching for a way to serve.

Immediately following graduation in ’73, I enlisted in the United States Air Force and two days later I was off to boot camp. In the final years of the Vietnam War, I spent two tours in Thailand and a brief stint in the Philippines. Again, I found myself compelled to serve.

However, I did not realize the long tradition of Smith men who served their country and community. Both of my uncles spent time with America’s Armed Forces in Germany, Korea, and Vietnam.

In time, my younger brother David followed the tradition to serve and enlist in the Marine Corps. He too believed deeply in the concepts of duty and service. After being discharged from the Marine Corps, he began working as a Maintenance Technician at a food processing plant. During this time, David was accidentally exposed to a chemical meant to eradicate rodents at the worksite. This extremely toxic chemical can be fatal to humans at certain levels. After being exposed, medical experts explained that David’s exposure was critical and would have permanent side effects. After David’s testimony before Congress, the chemical has since been banned in the United States. However, the trauma David suffered severely and permanently impacted his disposition. Without the proper help and services, in an attempt to self-medicate, David began using illicit drugs—a story all too familiar. We soon lost David to an overdose.

With all of this in mind, the mission of David’s House is to help and serve others who have been adversely affected by illicit drugs or prescriptions, and those who have been incarcerated for drug use. David’s House is for those in recovery. It is rare that an individual can overcome addiction by themselves. After a person is released, they often have trouble finding medical help, a ride to the parole meetings, food, shelter, and gainful employment. David’s House seeks to provide those in recovery with the basic needs of shelter and food freeing people to focus on rebuilding their lives.

David’s House is located in a single-residential community with a focus on hope, healing, and a homey atmosphere wrapped in a Zen quality. David’s House is centrally located between several bus routes and is within walking distance of job opportunities, grocery stores, banks, and churches.

Please feel welcome to visit us online at **www. Davidshousefoundation.com** or email us directly at **DavidsHouseFoundation@outlook.com**. Thank you for considering David’s House.

The David’s House Foundation is a nonprofit shared-housing provider. We are a pending National Alliance for Recovering Residence (NARR) and Medication-Assisted-Treatment (MAT) Level II house.

MAT Level II means you are allowed to possess and consume medications prescribed by your doctor.

As well, individuals are allowed to take over the counter medications.

We do not administer or procure your medications.

Each resident is provided with their own safe to secure their medications and valuables.

Each resident is accountable for their own medications.

We are a housing provider only.

Everyone is subject to random drug tests for illicit substances.