

The quotes gathered on these pages may seem unreal, but for the girls at Jesse's House they are all too real.

"I've changed schools 26 times. I was always the new kid."

What they have survived in their short years exceeds what most of us will ever face in a lifetime. They come to us haunted by memories of trauma, broken from neglect and abuse, disconnected from everyone they have known. They come to us guarded against trust and happiness, filled with anger, paralyzed by fear, lost in hopelessness, exhausted and numb to it all.

"I have never celebrated Christmas before."

They come to us carrying what little belongings they have, with little expectation that anything will change, that anything will be different at Jesse's House.

"I've never had my own bed before or my own room. I usually slept on the floor."

That's where we come in, and that's where YOU come in.

With your support the girl who has never celebrated Christmas before will have gifts under a tree, new pajamas to wear on Christmas morning, a traditional Christmas dinner, and can spend the day surrounded by people who care about her and want to help her celebrate.

"My brother & I were living in a tent."

With your support the girls who never had a bed to sleep in, or lived in a van or a tent, will have a roof over their heads, a comfortable bed to sleep in, and a room to call their own.

"These are my only pair of shoes."

With your support the girls who have lived without running water or electricity will have a place to take a hot shower and a refrigerator filled with good, nutritious food.

"I was following my mother, my brothers and sister through the bus station and my mom turned around to me and said 'stop following us.' Then she got on the bus and left me there."

Jesse's house

HEALING • SUPPORT • EMPOWERMENT

With your support the girls that walk through the door with one pair of shoes, holding all of their belongings in a paper bag, will have a coat for cold weather, sneakers for PE class, and sandals for the summer months.

“We were living in a van.”

“I haven't been to a doctor or dentist in years.”

“I saw my father kill my mother.”

“I haven't seen my mother since she left me on my father's doorstep 4 years ago.”

“My father sold me to his dealers for drugs when I was 12.”

With your support every girl that comes to us will be seen by a doctor within 72 hours of admission for a comprehensive physical exam, and will have a dental exam within the first week of placement.

With your support the girls who have been sexually abused, or trafficked, or witnessed unspeakable violence, will be surrounded by the support of a staff trained in trauma informed care and the professional support of therapists and psychiatrists.

We can't undo what has already been done, but with your support we can do our best to help them heal, give them a chance to see themselves in a different way, and see possibilities for their lives they hadn't dare dream before

Jesse's House gives you the opportunity to give in various ways.

You can be a **Friend of Jesse's House**, by donating only \$200 a year.

You can be a **Champion of Jesse's House** for a little as \$500 a year.

We have made it easy to give one time only, monthly, or yearly.

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“When I got home from school I saw my mother lying at the bottom of the stairs and my dad lying on the floor in the living room. They were barely breathing so I called 911.”