Lotus House Women’s Shelter provides shelter, sanctuary and support to women and children in need. Situated in a quiet enclave in the heart of Overtown, Miami, Lotus House serves over 100 women and children daily who are homeless, whether due to domestic violence, medical or mental health issues, disabilities, loss of employment or other economic reasons. A holistic resource center and residence, Lotus House addresses the gender specific needs of homeless women with an innovative format based on principles of education and empowerment. Women and children are permitted to live free for up to a year, in a respectful, healing environment, accessing wrap-around support services and a wide range of educational, job readiness and community resources. At Lotus House, the minds, bodies and spirits of women and children in need are nurtured and supported to empower them to improve the quality of their lives on every level.

Lotus House Birthday Baby born March 1, 2012

Our Founders:

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  The Universe

Grand Founder $500,000 - $999,999
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Achieves greater self-sufficiency and transition to permanent homes off the streets. For more information see lotushousediner.org or call us at 305-438-0556.

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After years of struggle, bad relationships and drinking away my problems I found myself homeless for the third time in my life. The stresses had taken its toll and I needed to go somewhere that was safe for a pregnant woman... In [this] Miami bus station I was scared and hungry. My number one priority was food - I needed to feed the baby and keep hydrated as well. I did what many homeless do - I found the nearest church. My routine was a daily round of churches – for meals and sleep on the curb at night. Eventually I found Lotus House. The staff was friendly and helpful. I felt like a huge weight had been lifted off of my shoulders. Security for a year - the shift was off! I knew Lotus House actually wanted to make sure that I would be able to bring a healthy baby into this world. I became more and more pregnant and became harder to ride public transportation and Lotus House provided me with rides to my doctor’s appointments. When my baby was born it was Lotus House that picked me up from the hospital. They were there to help me, and it was Lotus House that gave me a roof. When I was scared it was Lotus House that made me feel safe. For the first time in a long time I was part of a community that cared. When it was time for me to leave it was Lotus House that helped me with my resume... something I had been dismissed from working on for years. Today I am forever grateful to Lotus House. I knew I was safe, and my baby was safe. I have been blessed with a great baby girl, and today I am truly a mother. I have been able to provide for my family, and Lotus House has been a great help. For 6 months I was in a real live heaven on earth for a women in need. When it was time for me to leave it was Lotus House that helped me with my resume – something I had been dismissed from working on for years. Today I am forever grateful to Lotus House. The love I received from the shelter is something I will hold dear for the rest of my life. I thank the universe for the kind heartedness of [staff] and pray for them as an example for other shelters.

I love Lotus House Shelter. I am stronger, smarter, and wiser, humbly, appreciative, and most of all ready to stand on my own.

The Beginning

I once was lost, but now I am not. I didn’t know who I was, I was hurt and full of pain. I had to do some soul searching.

When I got to Lotus House, the staff made me feel welcome and it was nothing to worry about, they had my back.

I once heard of Lotus house, but now I know what a lotus flower is and that flower is me.

Lotus House help me believe in myself, helped me to think in a different manner and approach life in a different way.

Lotus House helped me understand that there are some things in life I can’t change, to “Let life have its way”

I always like to help people and give them what I have received, when I didn’t have nothing I had one Lotus House.

Lotus House make me feel at home, I grow as a person and as a mother, and my job is not done, Lotus House helped me appreciate the little things in life, and to reign self esteem.

When I came to Lotus House a part of me was missing... I am OK now

I feel strong and complete.

Lotus House will always be a part of me!

My Time at Lotus

I spent 9 months at Lotus House. The time here I spent there I was able to deal with the trauma from my past and learn how to live a healthy life. Also kept me out of the street and kept me on my way. Lotus House made me a new person and I became a new person. I was able to get back on my feet and get into permanent housing while I was here. Today I am forever grateful to Lotus House.

No matter what your circumstances there is always a helping hand available. I don’t know where I would have gone if it weren’t for Lotus House and single mothers this is a beautiful place to help you grow.

I leave Lotus House Shelter empowered; I am stronger, smarter, and wiser, humbled, appreciative, and most of all ready to stand on my own.

My experience at the Lotus House is one that I will never forget. When I arrived down on my knee I had two small children and I was pregnant. The Lotus House gave me the opportunity to bring my family to a safer place and a better home. While at the Lotus House, I was able to focus and participate in many activities such as cooking classes and personal development. When I left I was a different person. I was much more confident and was able to take care of myself. I think the Lotus House is a wonderful place to help people grow. The staff are wonderful and the place is clean and cozy. I would highly recommend this place to anyone that is struggling in life and needs a new chance. Thank you Lotus, and thank you, Lotus House.

Lotus House has helped me mind, body, and soul. I had nothing, but a silver of hope. When I came here now, I have everything. I feel I can take this productive member of society and forever be thankful to Lotus House. I seriously feel the whole world would be a better place if there were more Lotus Houses in this world because every one needs a little help at some point. Thank you Lotus.