

Bell of Hope

Brighter Future...



What Does Teaching Family Homes Do?

Teaching Family Homes gives hope to kids and families. Many come from situations of abuse, neglect, delinquency or crisis. We teach children and families the skills necessary to deal with their troubled past and rebuild the foundation for a safe, successful future. Thus our name... Teaching Family Homes.



Mission: The mission of Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan is to provide ethical, cost-effective care to children, families and individuals in need by facilitating self-sufficiency through the enhancement of self-esteem, skill development and interpersonal relationships.

Vision: To be Northern Michigan's foremost provider of services for children and families.

To do this we will:

- Instill hope in children and families for a brighter future.
- Offer an accessible continuum of care providing excellence in service.
- Acquire resources to sustain and enhance service delivery.

Kia Jane Richmond, Assistant Professor of English-Secondary Education at NMU- "For the youth at Teaching Family Homes, I find that books are just another way for them to reach both into themselves for self-understanding and outside of themselves to develop empathy. When visiting the TFH campus, many youngsters ran up to me to tell me what they were reading. Their enthusiasm for reading was tangible and I was filled with pride and joy when I saw how much the young people wanted to read and to have their own books."

Teresa Zielinski, Retired Special Education Teacher- "Because the youth served by Teaching Family Homes (TFH) come with challenging backgrounds and behaviors, learning is more difficult than for the average student. They feel defeated and don't know where life is taking them. They have many challenges to overcome and feel helpless. At the TFH School we want to build on student strengths and gifts. Troubled students served by TFH deserve to be educated in a place and manner that will encourage them to be shining stars and live a healthy, active life."

Irv Dieterle, Retired Educator and Basketball Coach- "Sports and recreation activities are very important in a youth's personal development, building life skills and teaching responsibility. Children need to be provided with opportunities for recreational activities that are fun, challenging and allow them to develop self-esteem and build healthy relationships. Not only are these activities important for teaching social skills, but they can also enhance learning opportunities and provide a healthy alternative to drugs, alcohol and other at-risk behaviors."

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For a Brighter Future





Why is this Capital Campaign needed?

Five years ago, the Upper Peninsula Community dug deep into their hearts to help provide a central campus for Teaching Family Homes (TFH) that houses four residential group homes, an administration building, a school room, counseling center, and much more. The campus setting has allowed greater efficiency of operations, enhanced growth of program resources and educational and mental health services. Thanks to the generosity of the Upper Peninsula community, our campus dream became a reality!

Our work is not done yet. As we work to instill hope in children and families for a brighter future, TFH seeks to enhance our service delivery by expanding our learning facility to increase opportunities for our children through our year-round school.

Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan invites you to Ring the Bell of Hope with us!

The onsite school at TFH is bursting at the seams and needs your help. TFH is building a two classroom school with a library and gymnasium to accommodate the growing educational needs of youth in our care. Given the abuse and traumatic backgrounds of the youth at TFH, they need a specialized environment to foster learning, healing and social development. Educational services will also be available for students who are unsuccessful in the public school setting.

The Classroom needs:

- Desks and Chairs
- Laptop Computers/Software
- AV Equipment
- Art Supplies
- Black/White Boards
- Educational Games

The Gymnasium needs:

- Colored Parachute
- Gym Mats
- Tables/Chairs/Benches
- Stop Watches
- Sporting Goods
- Fitness Supplies

The Library needs:

- Bookshelves
- Large Table and Chairs
- Bulletin Board
- Books/Videos
- Reference Materials
- Maps/Magazines

See our website for a complete list of needs at www.teachingfamilyhomes.org

This addition to our campus will not only enhance educational opportunities, but will also provide access to reading and resource materials for youth and families in our community. The gymnasium offers a year round place for youth to play, challenge their abilities, and enhance their social skills.

With this new and exciting facility, Teaching Family Homes needs your help to purchase the necessary equipment, books, supplies and furniture needed to make this schoolhouse a place of learning, imagination and hope.

Help children gain confidence and reach their potential!



Let's Ring the Bell of Hope together and build a brighter future for youth and families in crisis.

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Your Donation is Greatly Appreciated!

Please return to Teaching Family Homes
1000 Silver Creek Road
Marquette, MI 49855

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