

Bidder Name: Deborah's Legacy

Bidder should complete all questions in Attachment A

Location availability

1.1

Indicate which areas where transitional living will be available:

Response:

Near Omaha Regional Office
1313 Farnam Street
Omaha, NE 68102

Near Lincoln Regional Office
421 South 9th Street, Suite 220
Lincoln, NE 68508

Near Grand Island Regional Office
1811 West 2nd Street, Suite 225
Grand Island, NE 68803

Near Hastings Regional Office
2727 West 2nd Street, Suite 224
Hastings, NE 68901

Near Kearney Regional Office
4009 6th Avenue, Suite 22
Kearney, NE 68845

Near Norfolk Regional Office
1700 North Victory Lane
Norfolk, NE 68702

Near North Platte Regional Office
200 South Silber Avenue
North Platte, NE 69101

Near Scottsbluff Regional Office
505-A Broadway, Suite 900
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

OTHER (Provide location):

1.2

Provide the physical address of the Transitional Living with Programming location(s).

Response:

Deborah's Legacy | Residence

721 N. Poplar St.

North Platte, NE 69101

Deborah's Legacy | Studio (office, social enterprise & class location)

705 N. Poplar St.

North Platte, NE 69101

General

2.1

Describe how any potential areas of concern will be identified and the mitigation plan. These areas may include but are not limited to: Staffing, cleanliness, and/or building code deficiencies.

Response:

Following the design and organizational structure set by Deborah's Legacy:

Resident and Staffing Concerns - initially to House Manager/Survivor Leader &/or Director of Residential Services via in person, phone or email, if unresolved then to Executive Director via in person, phone or email, if unresolved taken to the House Review Committee in writing. If unresolved, staff and the House Review Committee would take written communication to the Executive Team of the Board of Directors which may result in meeting with either the individual/s &/or the Dept. of Corrections.

Facility Concerns - initially communication is welcomed to Deborah's Legacy House Manager/Survivor Leader &/or Director of Residential Services via individual contact, phone call, written or email. If unresolved, taken to the House Maintenance Committee via email or in writing. If unresolved, then in writing to staff, House Maintenance Committee and the Executive Team of the Board of Directors.

2.2

Describe previous work experience with the NBOP and/or Division of Parole Supervision.

Response:

Our most recent resident, Tammy Schaffert, a participant of Parole and Deborah's Legacy was with us from March 2019 to November 2019. She was able to be with our community for six months to invest in herself, stabilize her recovery, gain ground economically and work on reunification with her children as well as successfully completing Parole. We find great synergy while working with Parole where we help process some of the challenges and encourage the next right step of each individual.

Through the pandemic of Covid-19, we held beds for two individuals for several months in 2020 but they did not end up coming to us.

In 2021, our involvement had more overlap with Probation. In 2021, our total days available 1,460 and 896 included women that were involved with Probation or 61% of our days invested. If we remove people that completed Probation but were still residents our numbers reflect 1,460 total days available to 546 total days of women actively on Probation or 37%.

2.3

Describe the number of beds that are available to the NBOP/Division of Parole Supervision.

Response:

Deborah's Legacy has a residential program which includes four beds available for six months to two years in a rent free community living based model like that of Thistle Farms in Nashville, TN. The Division of Parole is asking us to declare the number of beds available exclusively to clients involved with the Dept. of Corrections/ Parole. At this time, we can initially offer one bed and determine if this is a good fit and enter into the conversation to increase our partnership as needed.

Programs

3.1

Describe what programming/education that is provided.

Response:

The mission of Legacy is to provide support and empowerment for women.

The vision of Legacy is that of women growing individually and collectively, while living in community. We seek to empower women by:

- Providing a safe, pleasant home environment based on a community living model;
- Helping residents to live honest, sober, and self-sufficient lives;
- Providing life skills, educational and vocational opportunities;
- Fostering self-understanding through personal and spiritual growth;

Our programming and educational opportunities include daily time of connection, classes like Gallup Strengths Coaching, MRT - Women In Trauma, Boundaries, Codependency, Financial Peace University as well as other topics that feed into job readiness and workforce development. Each resident also has individualized opportunities that may deal with health goals or learning a new skill. Daily life skills are developed into rhythms that include personal medication and health management.

Describe how many and which types of Mental Health Professionals, licensed by the State of Nebraska, and credentialed staff are available to provide Programming.

Response:

Deborah's Legacy has zero licensed mental health professionals on staff. Many of the women that come to Deborah's Legacy often have counselors that they already have relationship with and have chosen to be in a counseling relationship with.

At Deborah's Legacy we encourage each resident to build the team of local provider support that includes independent licensed counselors as well as physicians, typically including Mental Health Professionals. Our residents are also encouraged to be involved in AA/NA/Celebrate Recovery programs that encourages 12 step recovery engagement and sponsorship. We believe that by building a team of their choosing and benefit that women will be more invested, stabilized and active in their healing, whether in Deborah's Legacy Residence or not.

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Jill Vaugh, founder and Executive Director is a Certified Strengths Coach with Gallup and has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, minor in Spanish.

Maegan Strecker, Director of Residential Services, Bachelor of Science in Psychology with emphasis Sociology, English, History. MRT & MRT - Women in Trauma certified.

Toni Own, House Manager & Survivor Leader, Associates in Criminal Justice, 2016 Graduate of Deborah's Legacy.

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April 4th, 2022

Department of Corrections

Description: Transitional Living Housing, including Mental Health Programming, for Parole Clients.

RFQ Number: #111765 (Z6)

Dear Ms. Julie Schiltz, Department of Corrections,

Deborah's Legacy, a non-profit which began in 2012, exists as a long term restoration program for women (ages 19 to 55 years old) healing from addiction, crisis living and homelessness. We use a community living model based off of Thistle Farms, in Nashville, TN. If you would like more information on our program feel free to visit our website at www.deborahslegacy.org.

One of our core beliefs is that women have the opportunity to lean into their strengths of how they are created. This voluntary opportunity is typically in a rent free environment for 6 months up to two years to provide a safe, secure environment where the layers of self-protection and trauma can be peeled back. We have a community of people that have joined in hope and healing in order to make this happen. Our non-profit is based on our core belief that we all are created in God's image and that it is through God's help that we understand that we are loved and that healing can happen. In the past, we have found that many women that thrive in our environment are either in the Parole or the Probation system.

Deborah's Legacy has served 45 women in the course of our **10 years**. Some have stayed the entire two years, others have chosen to stay for a time less than that because of where they were in relationship with reunification with their family or for choices in their recovery, etc. As a community we are proud of the **six** graduates of the Deborah's Legacy program that continue to sow love, hope and healing into their lives and into our local and state community. In 2021, we had a total of 1,460 days with 1,061 days occupied for a 72.6% occupancy rate. (61% of those occupants had overlap with Parole.) We look forward to leaning into the life transformation process.

Thank you for your time and investment into people's next right step. Please call for any questions (308)660-6792.

Sincerely,

Maegan Strecker

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Director of Residential Services

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Christ-centered, restoration program
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