



# Star House: Services, Training, Advocacy and Research on Behalf of Homeless Youth

## Purpose

Star House integrates research, teaching and community service to provide central Ohio's 1,200-1,500 youth experiencing homelessness with a safe respite from the streets and connections to a chance for productive lives. The doors of Star House remained open long after the original research grant ended. New research by faculty and students illuminates best practices. Leaders and staff partner with the broader Ohio State and central Ohio community to facilitate services to this vulnerable, underserved population.

## Impact

**Research:** Since 2004, \$20.6 million in federal research funding has been awarded with the goal to identify strategies for ending homelessness and its associated problems among youth and mothers with children in their care.

**Teaching:** Star House serves as an internship site for the colleges of Social Work and EHE. High-achieving underrepresented undergraduate students from around the country receive a summer research experience through NIDA.

**Service:** Consistent with the mission of a land-grant university, Star House not only translates research to serve the community, but also provides significant education to the community around issues of homelessness.

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Faculty partners are represented by the colleges of Education and Human Ecology, Social Work, Nursing, as well as Nationwide Children's Hospital. Star House also partners with Ohio State's Facilities and Operations Department, and the Morrill Scholars Learning Center.

## Community Partners Involved

Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio  
Mount Carmel  
Nationwide Children's Hospital  
Columbus Public Health  
Moms2B  
Gracehaven  
Salvation Army  
Safelink Wireless  
Flex High School  
Academy for Urban Scholars  
Family and Children First  
Maryhaven  
Mid-Ohio Food Bank  
Ohio Benefit Bank  
Northwest Counseling (Syntero)  
Youth Empowerment Program  
...and many more



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## How you can get involved:

- Spend time with youth rebuilding connection and hope.
- Organize a drive for essential items: socks, underwear, diapers, baby formula, clothing, shoes, bus passes, etc.
- Assistance on funding to support programming.
- Assistance on the development of a social enterprise model.
- Conduct research to help direct how best to end homelessness.

## To get involved, contact:

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