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DAYBREAK of Lisle is a quiet effort in the midst of the noise and bustle of our world. But this quiet effort has changed everyone who has ever been touched by it, certainly the homeless families as they move to a better place, but also the volunteers who help them.

We invite you to consider joining in this effort to bring the Good News to those who are suffering.

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Through the tender mercy of our God, the daybreak from on high will shine on those who wait in darkness.

Luke 1:78

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Financial contributions are welcome and are tax deductible.

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**DAYBREAK of Lisle** 

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# Transitional Housing Ministry

Since 1989, St. Joan of Arc parishioners have been lovingly helping homeless families with children to get back on their feet. We invite you to consider joining this ministry as a mentor.



Restoring housing and hope since 1989

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"DAYBREAK not only put a roof over our heads, but it gave us a future."

### **Our Beginnings**

DAYBREAK was created in 1989 by volunteers from St. Joan of Arc parish and the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery. They rented one apartment and began helping a young mother with two children. They were the first of 98 families who have received compassion, hospitality and hope, through the volunteers of DAYBREAK of Lisle. Today, we have seven apartments, and continue to join homeless families as they struggle to regain their housing and their lives.

# **Program Features**

Families are screened by Catholic Charities or Bridge Communities to ensure that they are ready for the rigorous demands of the program.

Families set realistic goals on issues like employment, budgeting, and parenting.

Families sign a contract with DAYBREAK and are furnished with housing, volunteer mentoring, and supportive services for up to two years.

Families are joined by trained, volunteer mentors, who provide guidance and support as the family works to regain housing.

Families stabilize relationships, secure sustainable employment, clear up debts, and save enough to return to permanent housing.

"For I was homeless and you welcomed me." Matthew 25

### **How You Can Help:**

• Become a volunteer mentor.

Volunteer mentors work directly with the homeless families in DAYBREAK of Lisle, meeting regularly with them.

Mentors assist the families with budgeting, their health needs, work and family issues.

Mentors receive training to provide them with a solid foundation to help homeless families.

> Make a tax deductible financial donation.

DAYBREAK is an all-volunteer program, and there are no staff expenses.

DAYBREAK raises funds from the local community to cover rents and expenses.