



St. Michael's Houses Ministry (St. Michael's Houses) is an outreach ministry of The Church of St. Michael & St. George. The ministry, which was established in 1984, was the brainchild of Elsie Valier. A generous parishioner, Elwood Adams, offered a significant financial contribution to help fund the St. Michael's Houses endowment in 1984. Upon his death, a second large bequest was left to the endowment. In addition to these gifts, St. Michael's Houses has received hundreds of annual contributions from our parishioners and others that are used to continue this important ministry in our community.

The initial concept was to build houses for low-income families, much like Habitat for Humanity does. Over the last several years, the ministry has expanded its presence in the St. Louis community. The main focus of the ministry is to provide equity funding for several partners who perform various forms of ministry to those in need, all having to do with housing. Some of our partners include:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Beyond Housing – which builds housing and creates communities in St Louis
- Places for People – which provides housing for people with mental health issues
- Lydia's House – which houses battered women and their children
- Cornerstone – a religious-based organization which renovates housing and rents the properties to low-income individuals.

Through our many connections and relationships in the St. Louis business community we provide vital links for our partners to corporate endowments, fundraisers and the like, thus further enhancing their revenue potential.

The mission of St. Michael's Houses continues to be simple and straightforward: Provide the keys to help people in need...keys in their pocket...keys to a roof over their head...the key to a better future through the generosity of the members of The Church St. Michael & St. George. We invite you to join us by providing your time, treasure, or gifts in kind.

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