

Dear friend,

Thank you for your interest in My Father's House (MFH). We would like to describe for you what we are doing at MFH, so you can make an informed decision. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

My Father's House is not simply a place to live; it is a community of life. What that means is that we are inviting men to find a different way of living that will bring them to a new place in their lives. We want to create a place where men can grow and heal. We want to find helpful and positive ways to assist men in coming to understand that they have an infinite value given to them by their Creator. We believe that we all can come to find that in our daily lives and in relationship with God and with other men and women. We are looking for men who are serious about changing their lives, leaving behind not only crime, but dysfunctional ways of living.

We are not just interested in becoming your landlord, we want to engage in a friendship with you, to help you, and accompany you on this next part of your journey, out of prison, onto parole, and on to better things. The men who come to MFH are not just coming to find a room to rent. They are entering a community designed to help them with basic life skills, fundamental financial training, and to learn better communication and social skills. To help with this, the men are involved in in-house community activities and discussions to learn these things and to sharpen their skills. My Father's House is also a WAGEES partner. WAGEES stands for *Work And Gain Education and Employment Skills*. It is a reentry program funding by the Colorado Legislature through the DOC and is meant to help men and women with various services, so they have a better chance at success. In order to come to MFH, you have to be in the WAGEES program. That means you have to be working, once you're able to find a job. Being in WAGEES and participating in the community activities and discussions are not optional, and we want you to know what is expected and to make a decision that you would like to participate in them before you apply to MFH. Does that sound like something you would be interested in? Please be honest with yourself and with us. If this is not something you want to do, MFH is not for you.

We have four houses, with a total of 16 men living in them. Attached to this letter is our *Way of Living* which describes more about the life of the community of men in the houses and an application. After you've read the *Way of Living*, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you have. If you wish to fill out the application, please do so. The purpose of the application is to help us begin a relationship with you, and to get to know you. To further this, we would also like you to write to us about yourself in a letter when you send your application. You can tell us anything about yourself that you think would be helpful in coming to know you better as a human being.

Also, can you please tell us what your crime(s) was? We don't need to know the details of the act, but I'd like to know who the victim(s) was, the person's age and gender, and how the person was related to you. What were the circumstances? Did you commit this crime? In other words, are you guilty? What other crimes/convictions do you have? Have you ever been revoked from probation or parole? Why were you revoked?

One of the things we do at MFH is to have community dinners each week, and we ask the men at the house to commit to participate in those. In addition to the men who live in the house, our volunteers attend these dinners, as well. Please indicate in your letter if you would be willing to commit to coming to our weekly dinners and to the other community activities I've described above.

We look forward to hearing from you, soon. God bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Blum

Application for My Father's House

My Father's House is a Community of Life in which men can find healing. To be accepted to My Father's House, an applicant must complete this form and write us a letter. Carefully read the application and honestly answer the questions. If you need to explain some of your answers. If you have questions, feel free to write to My Father's House at PO Box 441491, Aurora, CO 80044-1491.

Print Name (Last, First, Middle)			Date of Birth Month Day Year		
Date of move in. We know you don't know everything about your release date. Tell us what you do know.				Driver's License (State of Issue and No.)	
				Social Security No.	
Present Address. Is this a treatment facility/prison/jail/halfway house/other? (circle one)			What are your plans to get a job?		
City	State	Zip Code	What do you expect your monthly income to be when you get the job?		
How did you hear about My Father's House?					
Why do you want to join the My Father's House community?					
How many times have you been incarcerated or on probation/parole, and how long each time?					DOC No(s).
Have you had alcohol or substance abuse/addiction issues? Yes/No (circle one)		Which substance(s)?			Date of Last Use
Are you in treatment for alcohol or substance abuse? (circle all that apply)		If so, is that treatment voluntary or required? (circle one)		Are you in treatment for other issues? Yes/No (circle one)	If so, is that treatment voluntary or required? (circle one)
Have you been convicted of a sexual offense? Yes/No (circle one)			Did you commit that crime (are you guilty)? Yes/No (circle one)		
Will you be required to register? Yes/No (circle one)			Are you designated as an SVP? Yes/No (circle one)		
Marital Status: Married/Never Married/Separated/Divorced (circle one)			Do you have children or grandchildren under the age of 18? Yes/No (circle one) (Minors may never come to the house.)		
Do you have court-ordered restitution? Yes/No (circle one)			Balance owed		Monthly payment
Do you pay child support? Yes/No (circle one)			Balance owed		Monthly payment
Do you have other debts? Yes/No (circle one)			Total balance owed		Total other monthly payment
Have you ever been sued for bills? Yes/No (circle one)			Have you ever been locked out of your home by the sheriff? Yes/No (circle one)		
Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? Yes/No (circle one)			Have you ever been brought to court by another landlord? Yes/No (circle one)		
Have you ever moved owing rent? Yes/No (circle one)			Have you ever damaged a rented home? Yes/No (circle one)		
Have you ever broken a lease? Yes/No (circle one)			Is the total move-in amount (rent & deposit) available now? Yes/No (circle one)		

Please, complete the other side of the application

Who is your Case Manager? (First and last names, if you have them)		Case Manager's telephone number/extention.		Case Manager's email (if you have it)	
Do you have a driver's licenses or state ID? Yes/No (circle one)		Where is it?			
Do you have a Social Security card? Yes/No (circle one)		Where is it?			
Do you have a birth certificate? Yes/No (circle one)		Where is it?			
Emergency Contact (name/relationship)			Address		
Phone no(s).			City	State	Zip Code
Personal reference (name/relationship)			Address		
Phone no(s).			City	State	Zip Code
Personal reference (name/relationship)			Address		
Phone no(s).			City	State	Zip Code
What other information do you want to share that is relevant to this application?					
<p>We ask about these medical issues so that, in an emergency, we can get you the help you need. These questions are optional. You are not required to answer them.</p>					
Do you have a medical doctor? Yes/No		If so, what is the name and telephone number of your primary physician?			
Do you have any medical conditions? Yes/No		If so, what are they, what treatment are you receiving, and what do we need to know about those in an emergency situation?			
Do you take any prescription medications? Yes/No		If so, what do you take?			
<p>Applicant authorizes My Father's House staff to contact past and present landlords, employers, creditors, credit bureaus, neighbors and any other sources deemed necessary to investigate the applicant. All information provided by the applicant is true and complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge. MFH reserves the right to disqualify tenant if information is not as represented. ANY PERSON OR FIRM IS AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNDERSIGNED APPLICANT UPON PRESENTATION OF THIS FORM OR A PHOTOCOPY OF THIS FORM AT ANY TIME.</p>					
X _____ APPLICANT SIGNATURE			_____ DATE		

If you have any questions about the interpretation or legality of this form, please consult an attorney or other qualified person.