

Dear friend,

Thank you for your interest in My Father's House. Let me first say that My Father's House (MFH) is not simply a place to live. We strive to be a community of men who wish to transform their lives. We invite each man to find a way of living that will bring him to a new place in his life, a place to grow and heal. We have found helpful and positive ways to assist men in coming to understand that they have infinite value given to them by their Creator. Those of us who work at MFH believe that we can all come to find a relationship with God in our daily lives and with other men and women. MFH is looking for men who are serious about changing their lives, leaving behind not only crime, but all dysfunctional ways of living, especially lies and deception, which corrupt a man. We want to engage in a friendship with you, to help you on this next part of your journey, out of prison, onto parole, and on to better things.

Each man at MFH has his own room. Our houses are located in the northern and central parts of the Denver Metro Area. That said, MFH is not interested in becoming just a landlord. Men who come to MFH do not come just to have a room to rent. They enter a community designed to help them with basic life skills, and receive personal health information, fundamental financial training, and better communication and social skills. To help with this, the men are involved in regular in-house community activities and discussions to learn and sharpen their life skills. One of the ways we socialize with each other at MFH is to have community dinners each week. The men must commit to participate in all our activities. They are not voluntary. In addition to the men who live in the houses, friends from the community attend these dinners, as well. Think about whether you would be willing to make this commitment to all these activities.

In addition, My Father's House is a WAGEES partner. WAGEES stands for Work and Gain Education and Employment Skills. It is a reentry program funded by the Colorado Legislature through the DOC and is meant to help men and women with various services, so that they have a better chance for a successful life outside of prison. Those who are part of the My Father's House community must participate in our WAGEES program. That means you are required to be working as soon as you're able to find a job and are willing to work with your care manager on the requirements of the WAGEES program. Being in WAGEES and participating in the community activities and discussions are mandatory, not optional.

We want you to know about our program and what is expected in order to make the right decision for yourself and your future. Please be sure that you are willing to make the commitments of program and WAGEES participation before you apply to MFH. Does that sound like something you would be interested in? Please be honest with yourself and with us. If you are not comfortable making these commitments, MFH is not for you.

I am sending you two things in this letter: a *Way of Living and Community Agreement* document that describes more about the life of our community, and an application. The *Way of Living and Community Agreement* is the contract that you would be signing if you come to MFH. It is not a current offer of placement, but provided just so you understand our community and policies. After you've read this document, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you have. ***You don't need to sign it or send it back. It's for your information.***

Also, please fill out the application, and send it back to us. The purpose of the application is to help us begin this relationship with you, and to get to know you.

Since we are a transitional housing community, when men are ready to move on, they do; but it is hard to predict when that will be, and when openings will come available. We have many men who have already applied to live at MFH. When there is an opening, we look at all the applications we have on file to see who is willing to commit to our program, who is still looking for housing, and who is ready to move.

I would encourage you to read the *Way of Living*, and see if what I described is interesting to you. If so, please send in the application and stay in contact. If funding is an issue for stamps, your case manager can send things via email, too. As to whether we will have a place to offer you, we will just have to see what the future holds.

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

Yours in Christ,
Jim Blum
Executive Director

Enc:
Way of Living
Application



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 have questions, feel free to write to My Father's House at PO Box 441491, Aurora, CO 80044-1491.

Print Name (Last, First, Middle)		DOC #	Date of Birth
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?			
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)
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)	
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 now? (ID Bank at DOC, with family, etc.)	
Do you have a Social Security card? Yes/No (circle one)		Where is it now? (ID Bank at DOC, with family, etc.)	
Do you have a birth certificate? Yes/No (circle one)		Where is it now? (ID Bank at DOC, with family, etc.)	

Emergency Contact (name/relationship)	Address		
Phone no(s).	City	State	Zip Code
Personal reference (name/relationship)	Address		
Phone no(s).	City	State	Zip Code
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Tell us about the family you grew up with and about your spouse/significant other and/or children, if you have them.

Are you still in contact with your family? Tell us about that. (Who are you in contact with? How frequently and how? Is that communication positive?)

Where did you grow up? What was your childhoodlike?

What did you do for work before prison?

What do you intend to do for work when you get out? (We know most men say they'll just look for anything; but what would you *like* to do for work?)

How do you spend your days now?

What are some of your goals and aspirations?

What are your hopes and anxieties? What are your joys and sorrows?

Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense? Yes/No (circle one)

Did you commit that crime(s) (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)

Can you also please share with us what that crime was? We don't need to know the details of the act, but we'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 of that crime? What happened in the crime? What did you do? What else was going on in your life at the time?

What has changed since then? (What have you learned about yourself and others? What is different now than before?)

What have you done to rehabilitate yourself? (Classes taken, books read, activities, personal growth, etc.)

What other crimes/convictions do you have (if any)? How many times have you been incarcerated or on probation/parole, and how long each time?

Have you ever been revoked from parole? Yes/No (circle one)

Have you ever been revoked from probation? Yes/No (circle one)

If so, why were you revoked? What were the circumstances?

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.

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 and what for?

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.

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

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