



## Servant Partners & Urban Hope Discipleship House

***“Becoming men who grow in character, take ownership of their lives, and choose community over isolation.”***

Our Discipleship House helps young men build character, take ownership of their lives, and choose community over isolation. After years of investing in young people, we intensify our investment during their young adult years, providing them with a pathway to stable and productive adulthood.

Urban Hope is a faith-based, affordable housing nonprofit that is focused on the East End of Richmond. We provide safe, quality homes for individuals and families looking to rent affordably. We also offer housing advocacy, financial health education, and one-on-one financial coaching to the broader community with no obligation to be in our affordable rental program. We are working hard to help our clients navigate their way to greater stability, health, and prosperity through a home they can afford.

**WHAT:** A Richmond-based, intentional household community for 3-6 young men (and House Leader) navigating adulthood (~18-30 years old).

**WHY:** To provide Christian mentorship and a pathway to stable and productive adulthood for young men in the East End of Richmond.

**VISION:** A community of men who thrive in love of God, love of others, independence, and interdependence.

**WHEN:** September 1 through August 31 (one-year commitment from all parties with the potential to renew for a second year).

**HOW:** We will seek to accomplish our vision through the following program model:

- **Support ongoing employment and/or education:** *House members will receive guidance as they seek and maintain employment and/or pursue further education throughout their time in the program.*
- **Provide stable and affordable housing:** *Together, program participants will rent and live in a well-maintained, stable, and affordable home*
- **Encourage spiritual and personal growth:** *Program participants will make a shared commitment to weekly Bible study and periodic workshops on topics such as finances, conflict resolution, healthy eating, physical wellness, etc.*
- **Connect with mentors:** *Program participants will collaborate weekly with personal mentors to accomplish short, medium, and longer-term goals, while also sharing monthly meals with a*

*broader range of mentors who possess wide-ranging experiences, backgrounds, and areas of expertise.*

- **Develop a relational network:** *Throughout the year, program participants will develop mutually beneficial relationships with other adults who can provide guidance and encouragement as they transition into independent adulthood.*

### **How can you participate?**

We invite you to consider engaging in one of the following ways:

- House Member: *live in an intentional community with others, develop healthy habits, seek spiritual growth, and work toward stable and productive adulthood, as outlined in the program model above*
- House Leader: *live with other house members, taking on additional responsibility for fostering positive household culture and serving as liaison with Servant Partners staff*
- Core Mentor: **weekly commitment** *to connecting with House Members and walking with them as they grow and pursue their goals*
- Resource Mentor: **available as needed** *to lead a workshop or provide expertise in areas such as health, finances, spiritual guidance, social services, etc.*
- Financial Friend: *support the vision by providing financial resources*
- Food Friend: *provide food (as often as you want!) for the household*
- Furniture Friend: *supply furniture or other home items for the household*
- Maintenance Friend: *address and fix maintenance issues in the home*

***\*If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Murray Withrow:***

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