

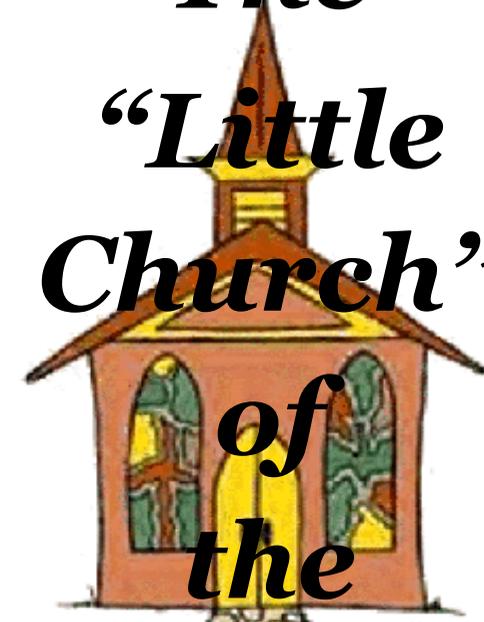
There Are many  
homes that care for  
people

**But.....**

Homes of *Life*  
Across America  
are “Pro-life”  
homes,  
*Celebrating Life*  
*from its beginning*  
*until its natural*  
*end.*

Homes of *Life*  
Across America  
*The Family Connection*

The  
“Little  
Church”  
of  
the  
Home



where Christ’s loving and merciful  
Presence brings healing to the  
whole family through the Spiritual  
and Corporal Works of Mercy.

*Family is the Key to Life!*

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*The “Little Church” of the Home*

We all come from family and it is only natural that we go home to the Lord surrounded by family and loved ones. In the Homes of *Life* being surrounded by *Life* is one of the main keys to giving *Life* to an elderly person at the closing of their *Life* here on earth. As we age, we are often plagued by the hurtful memories of family disagreements that we cannot fix, or we may be longing to have once again, the beautiful memories of family and friends gathered for family occasions. We remember births, deaths, marriage, divorce, graduations, opportunities taken and opportunities missed. The List is long but the presence of family either our own or the children of the owners, friends or visitors mean that *Life* is not over. Children, of course, bring *Life* with them. They can visit and play, bringing back memories. They can learn to respect and cherish the elderly and learn the “wisdom of the ages” from these precious souls, a history that the children may never get to read in their History books.



Young Love or Elderly Love  
is still spelled  
**L-O-V-E**

**Society today** has so many definitions of LOVE, none of which are rooted in the real meaning of love. Love is sacrificial, Jesus gave His life for us. Mary held her beaten, abused and bloodied Son and wept for love of Him and for us for whom He died. The disciples wept for loss of their Rabbi, their Teacher, their Friend. They shook with fear and they rejoiced in His victory. Remember that Satan has no more power than we give him! Fear, anxiety, hopelessness, abortion, suicide, and murder are the works of the Culture of Death. Selfishness which causes us to have a distorted view of Life & LOVE. **It is the mission of Homes of Life Across America to help others to create homes "Where Prayer Makes the Difference, Giving Hope Where there is No Hope."**

## With Family

Homes of *Life* provide an environment that supports life in every corner of the home and we do our goal is to create a safe space with lots of love and plenty of life for the residents.

There are many forms of life from pets, plants, rustling water to visits from friends, Sunday school friends, Pastors and most importantly family. These homes provide tasty home cooked meals: long showers and gentle skin massages; clean clothes and fresh sheets; pets for some, with singing and music in every room. Laughter helps to make our troubles go away and our joy be complete.

## Without Family .....

the present gets turned more and more inward to the past and the future is too elusive. When it is no longer family and friends that are coming through the door, but nurses and cleaning ladies, the disappointment overcomes them and depression and sadness comes fast.

Something we need to accept in Faith is that the time we spend in prayer or just quietly sitting means everything. We really don't have to talk all the time, in silence God is found. Our prayer and presence means everything. Our loved one knows we are there, just not in the way we are expecting. Through praying the

## "New Pathway of Care"

This "New Pathway of Care" is, as you might guess, family based care, and as old as the Scripture itself.

What that means is that the person who needs care and whom you have taken into your home has the opportunity to live in the midst of your family and to walk this journey in a regular home environment. They can be in the midst of activity or sitting peacefully in their room with their feet up on a little stool or perhaps praying the Rosary, like a memory I have of my grandma.

One of our residents loves to watch our grandson's basketball games and when possible we take him to them. Being a former basketball coach that means very much to him. Going out to eat at the local Mexican Restaurant is great. This is the heart of care at Loreto on the Plains and is therefor the *Homes of Life* homes.

Prayer with the people is key to their healing and encouragement for them and for you, Jesus said, **"What ever you do to the least of these my brothers you do unto me"** *Matthew 25:40-45*

Other people can and will help you. Home Health can be called in to help when the situation requires it. The family doctor is your primary source of medical care. Holy Family Ministry Center offers a training course which is available for caregivers, family members, and volunteers. The people whom we serve are like family to us and that is key to their peace.

## Therapies

**Spiritual Care** Attending church services, Loreto Chapel, personal prayer, night prayer, Scripture.



**Games:** Farkle, Dominoes, Card Games, Chess, Monopoly, you name it we will learn it.

Therapy to keep ones mind active.

**Pet Therapy:** Loreto has dogs, fish pond, and a soft and gentle cat and a loving German Shepherd, Max.



**Gardens:** Gardens are everywhere on the Loreto and Center Grounds, bringing new birth everyday as one bloom dies and

another is born. The beauty is breathtaking as we say, "To God Be the Glory"!



**Water:** There are fountains everywhere on Loreto on the Plains Grounds; At the Image of Divine Mercy, in the home, therapy tub, footbaths and a big fish pond.

**Family Participation is encouraged at all times**