

MARTHA AND MARY HOUSE

A California non-profit Religious Corporation

An Orthodox Christian Maternity Home

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“Loving and serving God in our neighbor”

ADMISSION AGREEMENT

ON BEHALF OF

(“DAUGHTER”)

This Agreement sets forth the basic terms upon which the above-referenced woman (“Daughter”) seeks and accepts the assistance of the Martha and Mary House, a non-profit California Religious Corporation. (“The Corporation”) The Agreement seeks to summarize and incorporate by reference the terms and conditions that are expressed in greater detail in other documents, without superceding those documents.

Any additional *oral agreements or representations* between the parties must be recorded in writing and signed by a Martha and Mary House representative to be binding upon the Corporation.

THE NEED

The daughter acknowledges that she *needs* the services of Martha and Mary House. The Corporation seeks to meet the needs of pregnant women in crisis who choose life for their unborn child and who do not have adequate housing available, or whose confidentiality and privacy need to be protected during her pregnancy. Martha and Mary House also provides practical, emotional and spiritual support during this crucial time of her life as she faces difficult choices in planning for her future and the future of her child; of parenting or placing her child in a loving adoptive family.

THE MISSION

The Mission of Martha and Mary House, in obedience to the command of Our Lord Jesus Christ, is to love and serve God in our neighbor according to the Holy Scriptures and the Tradition of the Holy Orthodox Church. That includes providing a home for women in a crisis pregnancy, regardless of ethnic, cultural, religious or social background, providing practical assistance as well as emotional and spiritual “mothering” throughout the pregnancy and birth.

OUR GOALS

For a healthy spiritual re-birth, the extended Martha and Mary House family seeks to aid the Daughter in her personal growth and healing. The Daughter has come to us in a crisis situation, and her needs may be spiritual, emotional, educational or relational.

Life in the Martha and Mary household is that of an Orthodox Christian ‘extended family’, where all members are loved and valued. We recognize the sanctity of all human life from conception, that we are all created by God in His image and He makes no mistakes! Each woman becomes a spiritual daughter in the family headed by Christ. All in need are welcomed and assisted in His Name. No one is required to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ in order to receive the assistance of Martha and Mary House, but all are required to learn about Him during their stay. Our Daughters will learn about God’s design for courtship, purity and abstinence before marriage, the sacrament and holiness of marriage, and the nurture of children in two parent families with father and mother who belong to God, to one another and to their children. Some of those lessons will come from prayer, Bible study and Church attendance. Ideally, the Daughter will learn most from the loving witness of House Mothers and members of the Martha and Mary House extended ‘family’ and volunteers.

The Daughter is encouraged to seek the truth about her own worth, her strengths and weaknesses, her past choices and their consequences, her present options and responsibilities, to help her grow, change or heal. She will have opportunities to participate in classes, study and work assignments, individual counseling or group sessions.

Daughters who have lost unborn children by choice are required to participate in a 12 Step grief and reconciliation post-abortion group. (See CONDITIONS 6. below.) We pray that each Daughter will come to know herself as a unique and precious child of God Who created her in His image and loves her unconditionally. When she knows who she is, she will know what to do, and be better equipped to make decisions and choices that are healthy and in God’s will for herself and her child.

Birth mothers who are placing for adoption may be eligible for educational assistance from the Martha and Mary House Scholarship Fund, established in 2006 with a grant from the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, a charitable Order in the Antiochian Orthodox Church.

House Mothers are accountable to our Board of Directors, and are to lead by example and be respectfully obeyed. Daughters who have moved out after the birth of their babies, are encouraged to become ‘older Sisters’ of future Daughters in their growing process.

THE CONDITIONS

As a condition for admission to Martha and Mary House, the Daughter agrees to cooperate fully with the program for a ***“healthy birth for her baby and spiritual re-birth for herself”*** outlined above. That includes embracing the mission and goal of Martha and Mary House for herself by executing additional documents where indicated (*).

1. Upon entering the Home Daughter and/or her parent/ guardian on her behalf shall sign a Contract (*) waiving any claims against the Martha and Mary House Corporation, any of its agents, employees or trustees, and/or the House Mother, except for any intentional acts or gross negligence amounting to willful misconduct on the part of the Corporation and/or the Manager.
2. The Daughter agrees that she is initially admitted for a three week trial period, allowing time for either Daughter or the House Mother and Trustees to decide whether or not her stay is mutually agreeable or beneficial for Daughter and the other members of the Martha and Mary household.
3. If the decision is made for the Daughter to leave Martha and Mary House early, she and/or her parent/guardian shall sign an exit document and release.(*)
4. While living in Martha and Mary House, Daughter agrees to follow directions of the House Mothers and Trustees with regard to all assignments, classes, counseling sessions, meetings, programs, activities and chores.
5. If Daughter has suffered pregnancy loss in the past, Martha and Mary House provides the opportunity to work through grief and reconciliation in Abortion Survivors Anonymous 12 Step meetings held regularly at the House. Abortion Survivors are required to attend the meetings.
6. If Daughter has been in treatment or rehab for substance abuse or addiction to alcohol or drugs, she agrees to continue to work her program of recovery, attending 12 step meetings, have a sponsor and/or counselor, and have no contact with any former associates involved with her life in addiction.
7. Daughter agrees to abide by the House Rules and Family Guidelines (*).
8. Daughter, or in the case of a minor - her parent/guardian, agrees to authorize all medical, surgical or health care treatment, including drug testing, as deemed necessary for her well being and that of her pre-born baby. (*)
9. She agrees to provide Martha and Mary House with a list of phone numbers - for reaching family, medical, dental, legal and other contacts in case of emergency.(*)
10. She agrees to seek from Martha and Mary House only the assistance needed, and give to Martha and Mary House that degree of support, including financial, which she or her family is able to give.(*)
11. She pledges to avoid all that is unhealthy for her baby, and do all that is healthy, including eating and exercising as her doctor prescribes.
12. She pledges to avoid all that is unhealthy for herself and to do all that is healthy for her own growth, healing and change, and to help others in that process.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By our signatures below, we hereby acknowledge complete acceptance of our responsibilities described above, including those which are incorporated into this document by reference (*) even if executed separately.

“DAUGHTER’S” NAME _____
Please Print

“DAUGHTER’S” SIGNATURE _____

AGE AT SIGNING _____ **DATE** _____

(IN THE CASE OF A MINOR), **“DAUGHTER’S” PARENT OR GUARDIAN** hereby affirms the need for the assistance, accepts the mission and goals of the Martha and Mary House ministry as regarding the Daughter in question, and agrees to the conditions stated and referenced above, further agreeing to execute all other documents incorporated by reference (*):

NAME _____
Please Print

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

WITNESSED ON BEHALF OF MARTHA AND MARY HOUSE, a California Religious Non-Profit Corporation:

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____