

HOMELESS WOMEN WITH CHILDREN find refuge at New Life Mission

Come and see where lives are being transformed on March 13.

For 16 years, New Life Mission (NLM) has been in Brevard County transforming the lives of homeless women with children through a two-year residential program. The nonprofit is offering a behind-the-scenes look at its main campus and operations during a Come & See open house on Thursday, March 13 from 4-6 p.m. at New Life Village, 326 Croton Road, Melbourne.



During a 45-minute walking tour, visitors will see a housing unit, the childcare center, chapel and Transformed Shop sewing center. They'll learn about the history of the 25-acre property, current use, and vision for the future.

"We educate, empower and equip families to move from dependency to self-sufficiency," said NLM CEO Amy Lyon. "By that we mean families that once relied on government assistance now have the resources

to maintain a life outside of poverty and homelessness. There's a generational impact."

The organization models that for families by not relying on government assistance. Instead, NLM is privately funded by individuals, businesses, churches, foundations and grants.

Families receive housing at one of NLM's campuses while they work through the four levels of the program. They have access to one-on-one case management, mental health counseling, financial coaching, free childcare, educational opportunities and employment assistance.

"We create an individualized case plan for each family that is specific to their needs," said Lyon. "Moms takes part in a weekly Bible study and participates in life skills classes such as budgeting, grocery shopping, cooking and parenting. Accountability is key."

New Life Village is NLM's fourth campus in Melbourne. The site is the location of the former Hacienda Girls Ranch that was run by Children's Home Society. To register for the Come & See event, visit www.newlife-mission.org/events



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