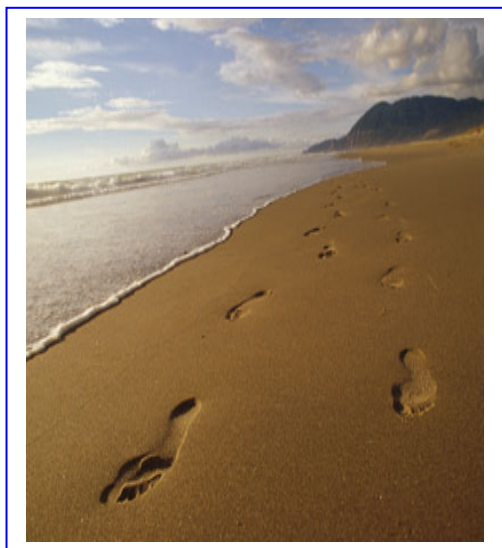




Restoring Relationships ♥ Releasing Laughter

“Will you choose one set of footprints or two?”



Ownership of the house at 3070 Brice Road came as a surprise last December. God’s instruction that the house be named ‘Sarah’s House’¹ and become a family-oriented faith based transitional home for young women from Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility was even more of a surprise. We had no funding plan for operating expenses. We stepped out in faith. When we faced the question about pursuing a contract with the State to provide financial support for the first resident, we knew we needed to pray. As we prayed that evening, God provided two images. The first one was two sets of footprints side by side on an empty beach. We prayed, *“Lord let us walk beside you in this matter.”*

As we continued in prayer, a different image with only one set of footprints lead us to pray, *“God let us not walk beside you, but let us walk perfectly in your footprints, leaving none of our own!”*

The choice was clearer than it had ever been ... to receive money from the State by way of contract² would provide the opportunity to walk beside God; but we have been called to operate Sarah’s House in a way that fully integrates our faith in everything we do. We believe it will make a difference in the life of each young woman we serve. This privilege will come at the cost of forfeiting the financial assistance from the State that other housing providers receive. That means we will face the task of funding the operating costs through other means...but is also means there will only be one set of footprints in the sand!

To partner with us in the work of Sarah’s House, we invite you to send your financial gift to: Opening Doors of Ohio, Inc. • P.O. Box 281 • Lewis Center, OH 43035-0281.



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² Under well established law, a voucher system would lawfully allow us to receive money from the State without jeopardizing our faith-based mission. However a direct contract would greatly restrict our ability to have prayer and Bible study in the home. Unfortunately the State does not currently use the voucher system for transitional housing.