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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2007**

## ***EMMAUS HOUSE FACTS***

EMMAUS HOUSE  
PROVIDED 6,983 NIGHTS OF SHELTER:  
4,243 FOR CHILDREN AND  
2,740 FOR ADULTS

### Family Composition

Fathers with Children	2%
Mothers with Children	76%
Couples with Children	22%

### Emmaus House families came from...

**New Castle County..... 64%**  
**Wilmington..... 16%**  
**Newark ..... 2%**  
**Kent County ..... 2%**  
**Out of State..... 16%**

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## Challenges and Accomplishments

Homeward Bound, Inc. is entering its twenty-third year of addressing problems of homelessness in the community. Emmaus House continues to be a safe environment where families can take steps necessary to make positive changes in their lives. This past year Emmaus House was home to 46 families who received 6,983 nights of shelter. Twelve families moved into permanent housing on departure from Emmaus House.

The emergency shelter continues to be a respite of orderliness in a lifetime of chaos for many families. The structure and support provided in the emergency shelter is a testament to the compassion and teamwork of the fine staff and volunteers of Emmaus House.

We have completed three years in the expanded facility and have become accustomed to delivering services for the families in the transitional program. One family who moved into their own apartment two years ago has been approved for a mortgage and will move into their own home soon. We celebrate these accomplishments and look forward to continuing successes for families who complete this program.

We continue to work on maintaining an efficient use of the transitional space. Last year we established a preparatory program for the Transitional Program called the Second Step program. The Second Step Program allows us to continue working with families we have identified as compliant and responsible while they are taking final steps to qualify for the Transitional Program.

The Board of Directors of Homeward Bound, Inc. has been actively involved in program development, financial accountability, and fund raising. The accountability of Homeward Bound, Inc. benefits from this level of involvement.

We depend on volunteers even more now than in the past. We would not be able to achieve our high standard of service without the tireless efforts of volunteers who provide child care, kitchen help, yard work, fund raising events, bulk mailings, maintenance and other projects.

The work of Homeward Bound, Inc. continues to be effective because of the support and encouragement from people in our community. On behalf of the families who live at Emmaus House, thank you.

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PROVIDED SHELTER  
FOR 145 INDIVIDUALS  
IN 46 FAMILIES***

**WE PROVIDE:**

Residential Shelter

Case Management Services

Domestic Violence Support Group

Parenting Classes

Emergency Food Closet

Brown Bag Club

Referral Services

***12 FAMILIES OBTAINED  
PERMANENT HOUSING***

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