

\$15,000



Beauty for Ashes – Home Safe Home!

This project will address a list of repair priorities at the Beauty for Ashes transitional home for women in Alexandria which will provide crucial safety upgrades, add comfort and convenience, and create a warm, welcoming environment for guests who have experienced significant personal struggles and trauma. Most importantly, we seek to stabilize an exterior, wooden staircase that serves as the emergency exit from second-floor bedrooms. Next, we are seeking to replace tattered and stained upstairs carpet and flooring in bedrooms and common hallways. Thirdly, we would replace a 20-year-old furnace that is beginning to show reliability issues. And finally, as funding allows, we would replace garage doors that provide secure storage for resident bicycles, often the primary mode of transportation for our guests.

\$5,000



Women and Children's Fund

Operation Love Ministries' Women & Children's Programming serves families in need through crisis intervention with assistance with basic needs items like diapers, feminine hygiene products, food, clothing, housing assistance, and emergency childcare funding. The fund is critical for transitional housing funding for women who are at-risk of homelessness or experiencing a housing crisis as well as those struggling to afford basic necessities for themselves and/or their children. In addition, programming for our Smart Spending and Savings Support Group targets women and those with children to bring our Budget and Financial Success programming into a group format and create step-by-step change towards financial stability for those served.

\$2,500



Junior Youth Leadership Academy

First piloted in 2022, Jr. YLA started as a free summer camp with the local Minority Health Coalition. The program has grown and we are now serving two schools: Alexandria Middle School and Anderson Preparatory Academy with requests for more, and an upcoming after school program at the Geater Center. JR YLA is unique because it does not require any cost for the student to participate, and the only hurdle is getting to school that day. JR YLA is for middle school students and is a servant leadership-focused program. Our curriculum is designed to develop multiple character traits, including leadership, self-confidence, discipline, collaboration, critical thinking, valuing, and respecting others and themselves. We anticipate serving 250 students through this program.