

How do I get placed into a Truth Spring house?

Individuals and families are placed in Truth Spring homes after passing Truth Spring's application process.

What does the Truth Spring application process look like?

Click [here](#) to view a flowchart of the various steps in the application process.

Why the need for a background check?

Truth Spring wants to make sure that any and all tenants it places into houses are within the legal bounds of the law. We do not want to house tenants who may have outstanding warrants. Likewise, because of the proximity of our location to schools and places where vulnerable populations tend to congregate, we do not want to possibly endanger anyone, or operate outside of the law, by placing individuals previously convicted of certain crimes within those areas.

Why the need for a credit check?

Due to the nature of our housing program (with the intent being to turn the house over to tenants after a certain period of time), we would like to know the financial status of tenants prior to offering them a house. This is simply to protect our assets and ensure that all tenants meet the legal requirement of being designated as either "low income" or "very low income".

Why the need for a drug test?

Due to the destructive manner that drug and alcohol abuse has ravaged North Highland, and considering that many potential tenants may be struggling with or at one time have struggled with some form of substance abuse, we wish to make sure the recovery process has been successfully underway for tenants prior to giving them a home. We recognize that addiction can be a life-long battle, and we do not wish to compromise anyone's recovery by putting them in a situation that may not be fully conducive to them. If someone is suffering from addiction, we would rather them receive the basic treatment and counseling necessary, maintain a successful level of sobriety for a certain period of time, and then see about being placed in a home.

Why the need for personal references?

Given the nature of things, Truth Spring would like to be able to rely on the testimony of others that can verify a certain individual is attempting to improve their situation in life and is in a place both to receive support as well as give support to others in need. These personal references do not necessarily need to be from a pastor, counselor, or church member, but should be from someone who has known the individual long enough, and intimately enough, to be able to accurately say whether or not the person is a good candidate for the Truth Spring program.

What sort of oversight does Truth Spring provide to ensure that applicants are not using homes for an alternative purpose?

When tenants first agree to become a part of our program, they agree to regular and interval review appointments where a Truth Spring representative meets them in the home and discusses with them their current situation. Likewise, tenants must agree to allow Truth Spring to review the property in its entirety at any time with or without notice. This is not intended to be intrusive or to in any way disrespect an individual's right to privacy, but simply to protect its assets and make sure that tenants are adhering to all agreed upon terms. At no time does Truth Spring have any intention to review a property without a tenant being present, and certainly does not intend to in any way overstep the bounds of the personal privacy of its tenants.

Who funds the allocation and maintenance of the homes?

Currently, it is the intention of Truth Spring to purchase homes from local landlords through the use of private donations, grant solicitations, and other forms of fundraising. Truth Spring would like to develop a system that encourages, or possibly even mandates, tenants to make some form of worthwhile improvements to property during their stay, so that tenants will have an investment in the property (as well as the community) and will be encouraged to live in the North Highland community for the long-term.

What exactly are the types of homes that Truth Spring places people into?

The homes to be owned by Truth Spring will legally be classified as tax-exempt, single-family residential units. Truth Spring, at this time, does not intend to own or operate multi-family units such as apartment buildings. The houses themselves will be located in the North Highland area of Columbus, Georgia.

Do applicants have to pay any sort of rent, deposit, maintenance fees, etc.?

Truth Spring tenants are responsible to pay rent, but they have the opportunity to have their monthly rent reduced if they participate in our Enrichment Services Program.

Does Truth Spring provide any maintenance or renovations to the homes?

Any necessary maintenance to the property, if it owned by Truth Spring, is the responsibility of Truth Spring. It is Truth Spring's goal to provide people with reliable, quality, secure housing for the long-term. Because of that, prior to anyone moving into any house a thorough inspection of the property will be performed by trained individuals and any necessary renovations and repairs will be made.

What does Truth Spring require from its tenants once they are in a home?

Truth Spring requires tenants to invest in themselves and in the local community, either through volunteerism and / or other forms of activity such as (for example) hosting Bible studies in the home, plating a community garden, etc. Truth Spring believes that in order for the North Highland community to become what God intends for it to be, it needs committed, indigenous leaders who care about the community as a whole. By requiring tenants to make an investment of themselves into the community, Truth Spring intends to promote this sort of concern for the community by instilling this commitment into its tenants.

Does Truth Spring ever plan to sell or turn over the home fully to a tenant?

Truth Spring would like to be able to sell or turn over homes to tenants who have shown themselves to be responsible and committed to the mission and vision that Truth Spring is trying to accomplish. As with all things, this is subject to change depending on what particular conditions warrant. If at all possible, Truth Spring would like to change its tenants from being tenants into actual homeowners.

Where can I get more information about Truth Spring's housing program?

Truth Spring always encourages interested parties to contact us regarding our programs by using the contact information provided below. Also, more information regarding the housing program can be found on our website.

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