



ABBA'S HOUSE RESTORATION MINISTRY

RESIDENT NAME: _____ DATE: _____

I accept the invitation of **Abba's House Restoration Ministry (AHRM)** a part of **Freedom City Ministries (FCM)** to participate in their offer of housing and support for the homeless and recovering people. I understand that I am a guest of AHRM. In exchange for the privilege of staying under the Policies of AHRM, and with the intent to be legally bound hereby, I agree to the following:

NOT A LEASE:

I agree that this arrangement is not a lease and that I do not have Rights of Tenancy.

LEAVING THE LODGING:

- (A) I agree that I will leave the lodging immediately, without any prior notice, regardless of circumstances, upon the request of staff, if I have violated the rules and regulations of AHRM.
- (B) I agree to leave the lodging within 24 hours of having received written notice from AHRM. AHRM has the right to provide such notice at any time, for any reason, in its sole discretion. And I will give at least 24 hours' notice if I decide to leave the housing and this agreement for any reason. I also agree to remove all of my personal belongings, to clean the lodging space I used, and to leave a forwarding address and phone contact.
- (C) I agree that any property that is left in the lodging space upon my departure can be disposed of at the discretion of AHRM.
- (D) I agree that I will be deemed to have abandoned the lodging space if I have not been in the lodging within five (5) consecutive days without giving prior notice (mail, voicemail, email, personal contact) to AHRM. If I abandon my space, I agree that AHRM may dispose of all my personal belongings left behind, including mail continued to be delivered beyond departure.
- (E) I agree that furnishings and appliances provided by AHRM for use during my stay are not my personal property and that these items belong to and will remain with AHRM upon my departure. If I did any damages to the properties of AHRM, then I understand that I'm liable to replace or repair any damages that I have done while stay at AHRM.
- (F) I agree that no money will be refunded that has been paid for program fees upon voluntary or directed dismissal from the program. No work done to the house will be compensated upon dismissal.

FCM and AHRM NOT RESPONSIBLE:

I agree that FCM or AHRM, its directors, officers, staff, volunteers, and agents are not responsible for any injury, death, or damage to me or my property from whatever cause, including any injury, death, or property damage caused by the negligence of AHRM, its directors, officers, staff, volunteers, or agents. I release FCM and AHRM, its directors, officers, staff, volunteers, and agents from any claim of any nature which I have now or may have in the future, including any claim arising from negligence of AHRM, its directors, officers, staff, volunteers, or agents.



Abba's House Restoration Ministry Policy Guidelines

Philosophy

Abba's House Restoration Ministry (AHRM) is a Christian rehabilitation program. The ministry offers residential discipleship training for men who have a desire to follow Jesus Christ. We strive to provide quality discipleship training in the form of "structured accountability." We believe by doing so, it will help residents to become more productive citizens and effective disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our mission is to provide shelter, discipleship, and healing for the lost and broken. Equipping them to be future leaders through the teaching of Biblical principles and helping develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Policies

As stated in Hebrews 10:25, "... not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together..." we believe being in a Holy Ghost environment, as well as fellowship and encouragement from the Body of Christ, promotes spiritual growth.

Church/Meeting Attendance

Each resident is required to attend church services and activities. Residents must attend church services each Sunday (10:30 am) Residents remain in the sanctuary until final dismissal by the pastor. Bibles and notebooks will be required for service. Appropriate dress for services is as follows: no cut-offs, tank tops.*See Dress Code section for further details. There is also a mandatory house meeting weekly one evening as determined by the Director to discuss the program as a whole and the progress of each resident as a unit. Residents will also attend Chillicothe Post Encounter meeting each Thursday evening at 6:20pm, A Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 , as well as attending Living Free Monday night at 5:30pm at Life Point.

Program Funding

Support for the expense of the program is in part due to donations from churches, companies, corporations, and interested individuals. Residents are required to contribute a \$350 program fee each month.

Employment

This component of the program gives residents an opportunity to be productive in the community, fulfill financial obligations, and help provide current living expenses. However, the primary focus of the program is not your position in the job market nor hourly wage, but developing your relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition to regular employment, residents will help with projects at AHRM, FCM, Chillicothe Post, Turning Point Church, or in the local community.

All employment must be during daytime, between the hours of 7am and 5pm and residents are not permitted to work Sundays. Each resident is required to inform staff of weekly/daily work schedules, wage scales, and names of supervisors. Any special arrangements are to be approved by staff prior to that specific work day.

As a guest of the AHRM, residents are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner at their work site. Work performance may affect future employment opportunities. "Whatsoever ye do in word or in-deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God..." (Colossians 3:17). Not only are residents representing Christ, but also AHRM. Walking off the Job and quitting or switching jobs without the consent of the director is a dismissible offense.

Occupancy

No overnight guests are allowed inside the house or on the property of AHRM. Only residents with a AHRM housing agreement shall occupy the property. No visitors will be permitted in the initial 60 days of the program.



Any deviation from this requirement will automatically terminate this agreement. Roommates may be moved in or out of the residence on short notice and residents might be asked to move locations on short notice. These housing decisions are up to the discretion of AHRM.

Probation and Parole

It is the responsibility of each resident on probation or parole to notify staff of appointments. Prospective residents must inform staff of any known outstanding warrants or pending charges. This may or may not affect acceptance into the program. If at any time, contact of Probation or Parole officers is deemed appropriate by AHRM, contact will be made. Any and all scheduled court dates should also be conveyed in appropriate timing to the director for attendance purposes.

Medical and Dental

Each resident is responsible for arrangement and payment of all medical/dental care. The AHRM or its members are not responsible for injuries or payment for injuries to anyone participating in this program. All staff must be notified of any medication taken. The resident agrees to sign a HIPPA release, granting AHRM access to mental health records, physical health records, and dental records as allowed by law.

Meals

All residents are responsible for preparing their own lunch: Breakfast and Dinner will be prepared Monday through Friday on a rotating Schedule prepared by residents. Residents must be at the house by 6pm for prayer and dinner on these days. Saturday evenings are free nights until curfew at 10pm. Residents will be required to contribute financially to the food at the cost of \$40 per month.

Resident Departure

Any resident not abiding by the written policies or verbal requests of the staff of AHRM can be dismissed from the program. Residents displaying behavior that is inappropriate are also subject to dismissal. Regardless of probation, parole, or court requirements, residents are under no obligation to remain in the program. If a resident decides to leave, it is his decision and that decision is considered final. Any mail delivered to the center after departure will be discarded. No money will be refunded that has been paid for program fees upon voluntary or directed dismissal from the program. No work done to the house will be compensated upon dismissal. After departure or dismissal, re-application may be considered after one (1) month.

Grounds for immediate dismissal from program include:

1. Major Disrespect to Director (e.g. cursing directed at director) (Not submitting to requests made by staff or Director)
2. Positive Drug Test/Actively Using or High (This includes Kratom and CBD)
3. Romantic Relationships (This includes letters and phone calls)
4. Fighting or Violence that becomes Physical
5. Missing 10:00pm Curfew
6. Earning five (6) checkmarks for petty offenses with-in 6 months (chores, missing house hours, violation of general conduct rules)
7. Walking off job, quitting, or switching jobs without director's consent.

If a resident successfully completes the first six (6) months of the program, it is understood that the opportunity to stay for an additional 6 months in Phase Two is by invitation only.



Travel Pass

Each resident is required to sleep in his own bed at AHRM every night. Overnight travel will be discussed at the discretion of the AHRM director. There will be no visits for the first 60 days of the program and are at the discretion of the director.

Media

AHRM does not permit cable for television or any type of internet service. We may provide a television and DVD player for permitted DVDs only. The television and DVD player, if allowed, are privileges, not rights. Television is not to be on before 7am and to be turned off by 9pm weekdays and 10pm weekends. Cell phones are a privilege and will not be permitted in the initial 6 months of the program. Flip phones will be permitted after that time. In addition, no social media accounts are permitted throughout the duration of the program.

Dress Code

*Dress Code may be subject to individual determination at AHRM Director's discretion.

1. Modest clothing is to be worn at all times and should be:
 - a. Neat and clean in appearance. Residents are responsible for washing their own laundry.
 - b. T-shirts with logos, slogans, or advertisements must be approved by staff. No tank tops.
2. No sunglasses or hats to be worn in the sanctuary.
3. Residents must keep a neat appearance regarding facial or head hair.
 - a. Hair shall be no longer than collar length. No ponytails. All facial hair should be neatly trimmed at all times. No long beards.
4. No earrings, nose rings, tongue rings, eyebrow rings, or any other body piercings to be worn while in the program.
5. No additional tattoos will be allowed while in the program.
6. All residents are required to bathe regularly and are responsible for all appropriate hygiene essentials.
7. All clothing is subject to staff approval.

Smoking

No tobacco of any kind allowed on church premises. Smoking may occur only off of AHRM property lines.

Drug/Alcohol Testing

The resident will be subject to random drug and/or alcohol testing to verify sobriety. Refusal to submit to testing results in immediate termination of this agreement. The resident will undergo a baseline drug test at the time of housing to establish baseline levels. A positive drug and/or alcohol test will result in immediate dismissal from the AHRM house. A positive drug test, regardless of what caused it, is reason for dismissal from AHRM.

Weekly/Monthly Chores

The resident agrees to take part in the regular chore rotation and to take care of chores as assigned or posted.



General Conduct Rules

1. No possession or use of drugs or alcohol.
2. No romantic relationships of any kind.
3. No open containers of any kind in bedrooms. ALL personal snacks are to be kept in the kitchen, marked with your name on it.
4. Each resident is to be reverent and respectful in church services, devotion times, and Bible studies.
5. Luggage will be inspected upon arrival. (Ensuring #1).
 - a. If in the opinion of AHRM, there is reasonable suspicion that I might be engaged in any unlawful activity or any other activity or condition that may adversely affect the health and safety of roommates or residents, AHRM, its directors, officers, staff, volunteers, and agents, or members of the community, AHRM or appropriate agencies may:
 - a.i. Inspect my space and personal belongings
 - a.ii. Disclose information about me to proper authorities as applicable
6. There will be no cursing, war stories, or inappropriate language of any kind.
7. Transportation will be provided for all church activities.
 - a. No vehicles are permitted until completion of the first 6 months of the program.
8. Bedrooms are to be clean at all times. ALL rooms are subject to random checks and searches.
9. No excessive use of water (overly long showers). Please be considerate of others.
10. No animals or pets.
11. No personal TVs, laptops, or tablets. Cell phones (after 6 months), radios, and stereos are permitted.
 - a. Television is to not be turned on before 7am. It is to be turned off by 9pm on weekdays and 10pm on weekends.
12. All music is to be approved by staff.
13. No loaning/borrowing money, buying, or selling any possessions without the Director's approval.
14. No knives, guns, or violence.
15. No guests of opposite gender at any time. Same-gender guests must be approved by Director prior to arrival.

*DISCLAIMER: Rules may be added and are subject to change.

Phase Two

Upon completion of six (6) months in the program a resident will move to Phase Two of the program upon Invitation. If invited to Phase Two, residents will be afforded the following incentives: permission to own a car, and opportunity for extended work hours based on discussion with the director, the approval to open a bank account, and the privilege of a cell phone. As well as the opportunity to graduate successfully from the program upon completing the full 12 month period, will be given a certificate of completion, and partake in a graduation ceremony. Also we will assist in phase 3, which is establishing one's own residence, furniture, and utilities.



Meeting Schedule

Mon-Fri

Morning devotion at 6am

Weekly House Meeting as scheduled by Director

Monday-Living Free @ Life Point 5:30pm

Tuesday-

Wed- Bible Study 6:30

Thursday- Chillicothe Post Encounter 6:20

Sunday Service -10:30

(Men's Encounter)

(Street outreach at 12:00pm when in season)

*Curfew for all days of the week is 10pm.

Program Requirements

1. Pass all UA screens
2. All residents are required to maintain employment while residing in AHRM. All but \$50.00 a week will go into savings upon every pay day. Ten percent (10%) of their employment wage will be required to be tithed. Tithing, or (10%) to the local church, is a principle taught and practiced during a resident's stay.
3. Residents are required every pay cycle to make payments on court fines for all court cases and pay child support where appropriate which will come out of what is turned in for savings.

Resident Goals

SPIRITUALITY – Leave Abba's House Restoration Ministry with a new knowledge of the Bible and an introduction to Christianity as part of a healthy sober life.

SAVINGS – Save enough money, while in Abba's House Restoration Ministry, for a down payment plus damage deposit on an apartment or house.

SOBRIETY – Leave Abba's House Restoration Ministry clean and sober, depending on the length of stay.

SECURITY – Leave Abba's House Restoration Ministry with a full-time job, which meets the financial needs of the resident.

Please sign your name in the space provided below as an indication that you have received a copy of the aforementioned agreement, and that you understand and agree to the terms of this agreement.

Abba's House Restoration Ministry: _____ Date: _____

Resident: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Freedom City Ministries: _____ Date: _____