

What is Barbara's Place?

Barbara's Place is a house that accommodates 8 women (18+). The home is named in honor of Barbara Bateman, the wife of our Board Chairman. Howard and Barbara have graciously served the ministry of America's Keswick in numerous ways for more than 20 years.

The program is designed to specifically address and **meet the needs of women desiring to be free from the bondage of addiction** and firmly rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the saving work of the cross and a personal relationship with Jesus as the only means of salvation and victorious living.

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The women will have opportunities to learn and grow through classes held within the home, as well as in the community at large. A portion of the program will include interaction with community volunteers, community organizations, and local churches. Each student will also be paired up with a godly mentor from the Christian community to encourage, support, and help them in their personal studies and spiritual growth.

How is Barbara's Place different?

- Our focus is **on the work of God** in a person's life and a personal relationship with Christ
- Our goal is inner healing vs. putting on behaviors. Out with the old, broken and painful first!
- **We teach the Bible for personal application and healing vs. memorization and knowledge.**
- We are a small homelike environment rather than an institutional or hospital setting.
- **We create a loving community where each woman is loved and cared for as an individual**, not a number or just the next student on the list.
- We are a community in that we establish a long-term relationship – each student becomes family for life – **whether they graduate or not.**
- We have no time limits; no one is being pushed out the door. **It is about really being ready**, rather than completing a certain number of days or classes.
- We teach life skills: **cooking, finances, computer, household maintenance, community participation, and the like.**

Program Basics

- Women 18 and up
- Due to the limited number of beds, there is a thorough application process to select students that will best fit in this home environment for the benefit of all the students in the home
- 6 to 12 month residential, with options to stay longer if necessary or offered.
- Healing through individual and group counseling, 17 hours of classroom instruction, morning devotions, Sunday school and morning and evening worship services, work therapy and group recreational activities