

# DAVID'S REFUGE

## Our Mission

To provide respite, resources and support to parents and guardians of children with special needs or life threatening medical conditions where they will be refreshed, restored and renewed in their role as caregivers.



## Our Vision

To become a community nationally recognized for empowering caregivers to lead their families with strength and grace.

Parenting can be a difficult journey under any circumstances, but it's especially challenging for those who provide full-time care to children with special needs.

These parents rest, reflect and renew with David's Refuge, where respite and community reminds them that they are not alone, the care they give matters and they are loved by God and this community. Complimentary weekend retreats empower couples with self-care skills that build stronger relationships, families and communities.

Volunteer [hosts](#) bring these parents closer to the caregiver community, sharing a common bond and offering critical support. The experience continues with ongoing guidance and special [events](#) that engage families and the public.

Criteria for Applicants: All potential guests must fill out an application on our website, [www.davidsrefuge.org](http://www.davidsrefuge.org). In addition to completing the application potential guests must provide supporting documentation. For children with special needs this would be either an IEP, IFSP or ISP in addition to proof of OPWDD eligibility. For a life threatening illness we would need a letter from a specialist describing the diagnosis and current treatment. Applications and supporting documentation are reviewed by our eligibility team. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rory Lawrence, Guest Services Manager at [rory.lawrence@davidsrefuge.org](mailto:rory.lawrence@davidsrefuge.org) or 315.682.4204.

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