

San Damiano Foundation Inc.

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Charitable Registration

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of friendship and faith **JUDE 1:17-25**

Dedicated to providing safe places for youth

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“Purposes” *of the San Damiano Foundation Inc.*

The San Damiano Foundation Inc. as a registered Charity will benefit the local community by offering relief of poverty, advancement of education and/or religion, and prevention of juvenile delinquency and crime.

We will do this by providing safe places for young people to go. These will be “Drop-Ins, Shelters and Retreat Places”. All FoundaTions will have a Christian atmosphere that will welcome everyone and respect and promote the culture of “life”.

The FoundaTions will provide a place where prayer, love, kindness, and virtuous behavior are acceptable norms. Places that offer a “safe” environment for honesty which will lead to positive and responsible moral development and growth. This will then be reflected in relationships and social behavior. FoundaTions, by being a ‘place’ where all young people will feel welcome, offers consistent and valid points of reference in an ever changing society.

The San Damiano Foundation Inc. will own or rent storefronts, houses, cabins, buildings and/or property for the purpose of establishing and maintaining these “drop ins, shelters and retreat places” for youth in need. The Foundation will also make sure there are sufficient volunteers and staff in these places. We are a ‘Catholic’ Foundation open for every one and our Code of Ethics will be the Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

In every foundation there will be ‘food’ for the hungry. The food will be simple. *There will always be a bowl of soup and a cup of tea or coffee in all of our places for any one who comes in.*

We will promote faith in God and the living out of one’s religious beliefs, in particular the Christian faith. *We will do this not by preaching but by example and love. We will use artwork, literature and music, which promotes positive life values creating a nurturing atmosphere where the young person can be themselves and know they are accepted as they are and for who they are.*

Christian education will be encouraged and supported. *The youth are encouraged to do their homework and work together. Depending on the needs in the community educational support is offered via videos, drama or one to one mentoring.*

There will be benefit to the community by the development of the ‘young person’s character’ in acceptable, moral behavior. Our ‘places’ will provide an alternative to young people being on the street and in so doing help prevent crime. We will network with the local community based on the needs of the young person involved at the time.

There will be NO DRUGS - NO ALCOHOL-NO SMOKING, no Violence in action or word and NO SWEARING in any foundation. There will be an atmosphere that says “Respect yourself, Respect others and Respect the place.”

All of the foundations that we open, be it drop ins, shelters or retreat places will be financially sustained through donations, fund raising and available grants. Locations will be staffed by the San Damiano Foundation Inc. trained volunteer Associates to ensure that our ‘charitable status’ is maintained and our ‘purpose and activities’ are carried out according to our Code of Conduct and managed by local procedures, in collaboration with the Corporate Objectives of the San Damiano Foundation.