
What Does The John Taylor House Mean to the Men Who Call It Home?

"The John Taylor House means to me that one will never go hungry as there are plenty of things to snack on until the next meal time!"

– Al, 71

"It's my home. I've made friends here. I get to do yard work in the summer."

– Charlie, 56

"A safe place to have a fresh start with support of staff and other residents."

– Elliott, 36

"An affordable, safe place where independence is still possible.

"Although details are not necessary, I was going through a very difficult transition in my life, and The John Taylor House is providing a safe environment in which I can recover and get back on my feet at my own pace.

"I have come a long way, but still have a long way to go. Each day I try to do something positive to recover.

"Having a chore to do is helpful and positive. The meetings we have on Tuesday evenings are encouraging positive thinking, which is very important.

"Transportation to and from appointments and Pathways is both affordable and accessible, since I depend on UTA.

"Meals are also provided. I believe all staff members here do their best to make this place as pleasant and beneficial as possible.

"I hope things improve for all of us."

– Joe, 49

"The John Taylor House means to me having a clean, drug-free environment to live in. It is a place where I can work and interact with my peers. I can be independent and have three square meals a day."

– Robert, 47

"I was brought to The John Taylor House in September 2003 as a residential staff member to serve as the eyes and ears of Managing Trustee Lon Scow. Over the past three years, I've seen many men come and go. Some just wanted to cause trouble, or so it seemed. But quite a few have come here determined to straighten up their lives and use The John Taylor House as a much-needed fresh start.

"The John Taylor House has given me a way to make a positive difference in the lives of dozens of men, something I could do nowhere else. I may not have a nice apartment or a car or fancy clothes, but I'm making a positive contribution to society. I thank The John Taylor House for giving me the opportunity. I am eternally grateful."

– Scott, 40

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Why Donate to The John Taylor House?

Let's face it. There are segments of our society who are marginalized, whom most others would just as soon forget. Among them are mental health patients, probationers and parolees, and, sad to say, some veterans.

The John Taylor House not only refuses to marginalize men who fall into these categories, we seek them out so they have viable and affordable housing options. For more than a few of our residents, if The John Taylor House wasn't here for them they would likely have no place to live beside a few homeless shelters downtown. As it is, The John Taylor House *is* here, and we want to be here for these men for many years to come.

That said, John Taylor House II Inc., the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that runs The John Taylor House, is more often than not stuck between a rock and a hard place, so to speak. We make living at The John Taylor House affordable (as low as \$425 per month, everything included), but in so doing we have precious few monies to pay all the bills: electricity, natural gas, sewage and water, food not received from the Utah Food Bank, non-food supplies, telephone service, cable television, trash removal, and so much more. Our heating bills during the dead of winter usually reach more than \$1,000 for several months in a row! What's more, JTH II Inc. does not own the property that houses The John Taylor House, we rent it. Unfortunately, several months a year we cannot make our rent payments! Luckily, our landlord is more than understanding and accommodating, but that won't continue indefinitely.

The bottom line is, The John Taylor House desperately needs monthly operating funds as well as monies to make its living environment more livable for the mental health patients, corrections referrals, and veterans who call it home.