



Emmaus

Adopt-a-Home

What is Adopt-a-Home?

Adopt-a-Home is a program that enables volunteers to create lasting friendships and enhance the lives of our clients through regular, ongoing interaction with a particular community home. Some Adopt-a-Home connections happen on a weekly or monthly basis. Others might be a few times a year. The key is that the volunteers are a consistent presence in the clients' lives.

Some examples of Adopt-a-Home activities:

- Playing board games at a home*
- Visiting a client and reading to them*
- Inviting clients to participate in church activities*
- Helping plan special occasions and celebrations*
- Assisting a client with planting and taking care of their garden*
- Doing crafts together*
- Collecting personal care items for clients*
- Meeting in the community for lunch, movies, or other activities*
- Sending birthday cards or being a Pen Pal to a client*

Who can "adopt" a home?

Anyone who desires to establish a meaningful connection with our clients can "adopt" a home. Our volunteers range from high school students to retirees – individuals, families, church groups, and businesses. Everyone has something to contribute! (**Note:** all volunteers are required to submit to the same background checks as Emmaus employees, to protect our clients).

Where is this program located?

Adopt-a-Home happens in all the communities where our clients live! Volunteers come from the same communities, or can send support from afar!
We currently support individuals in St. Louis, St. Charles, Franklin, and Warren counties.



Contact **Kristen Stewart** at stewartk@emmaushomes.org to see if there is a home near you to get involved with.