



Coming Soon: Carroll's First Recovery Home for Moms and Their Children

Westminster-area Farmette To Provide Opportunity for Women in Recovery to Keep Their Children With Them

July 14, 2026 – WESTMINSTER, Md – The Westminster Rescue Mission hosted a ribbon cutting for its Recovery Home for Moms and Their Children on Friday, July 10. The home will be the first of its kind in Carroll County.

“Like recovery itself, supporting our most vulnerable is a long journey, but we are so excited to be ready to say, ‘You Are Welcome Here!’ to the moms and kids who need us,” said Stephanie Halley, CEO of the Westminster Rescue Mission. “We are deeply grateful for the support and partnership of so many – including the local recovery community, our church friends, public partners, healthcare providers, law enforcement, social services, and behavioral health leaders – who recognized this need and are helping us respond to it.”

The ribbon cutting event brought together representatives from state and local government agencies, elected officials, healthcare organizations, community partners, and project supporters whose collaboration helped bring the project to fruition. Attendees included representatives of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Maryland Department of Health, Carroll County government, the Carroll County Health Department and Local Behavioral Health Authority, and other key stakeholders.

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Deputy Secretary Julia Glanz highlighted the importance of expanding recovery-supportive housing options for families. “Shelter is a human right and the foundation of everything the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development is built on,” Glanz said. “The opening of the Recovery Home for Moms and Their Children means people now have a supportive, safe space with wraparound services to overcome barriers – without the additional pressure of wondering where they’ll sleep at night. Congratulations to

Westminster Rescue Mission on this achievement and thank you to all the federal, state, county and local leaders for supporting this project and reducing the barriers for people in Carroll County seeking help.”

Carroll County Commissioners Kenneth Kiler, Tom Gordon, and Susan Krebs also offered remarks and presented a citation recognizing the Westminster Rescue Mission’s 58-year commitment to changing lives through its Addiction Healing Center and Mission Food Program. The citation noted that the Board of Commissioners is “proud to collaborate with the Westminster Rescue Mission in this important work.”

Federal recognition was also extended to the Recovery Home for Moms and Their Children. Peri Odenwald, representing Congressman Johnny Olszewski's office, delivered commendations on behalf of Congressman Olszewski, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, and U.S. Senator Angela Alsobrooks. “The path to recovery is strongest when people have the support they need without having to choose between their own well-being and keeping their family together. This new recovery home, supported by significant federal funding, will allow Westminster Rescue Mission to provide families with safe, stable housing and the wraparound services they need to recover right here in Carroll County,” said U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen.

Throughout the event, speakers emphasized both the collaboration that made the project possible and the life-changing impact the home will have for women and children seeking stability, healing, and a fresh start. "Today is a celebration – but more importantly, it is a beginning. A beginning for the mothers and children who will come here, for the healing that will take place within these walls, and for the stronger, healthier families who will leave here ready to move forward," said Dan Cooper, Board Chair of the Westminster Rescue Mission.

About the Home

The Recovery Home for Moms and Their Children will provide safe, stable housing in a structured, supportive environment, where pregnant women and mothers with custody of minor children can focus on healing while remaining with their children. The Recovery Home will offer care coordination, life skills development, and opportunities for employment and education – helping women build not only recovery, but also independence.

“Seventy percent of women entering recovery programs are mothers,” Halley said. “When faced with the decision to pursue their recovery or keep their family intact, many women delay recovery in order to remain with their children, often perpetuating cycles of trauma, instability, and family separation. There are limited options in Maryland that allow children to stay with their mothers during their recovery, and this will be the first home of its kind in Carroll County.”

The Mission purchased the property in January 2025 and has since completed significant renovations to enhance the property and ensure compliance with governmental and licensing requirements.

Once open, the Recovery Home for Moms and Their Children will provide women in the early stages of recovery with a safe and supportive space to live while they rebuild their lives and move toward long-term independence and self-sufficiency.

The property was purchased and renovated with funds from a Community Development Block Grant distributed by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Additional start-up support was provided by the Maryland Department of Health. Many individuals and organizations from the community have also contributed, through volunteer work and financial support.

The recovery residence will operate in accordance with the standards established by the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) and be certified through the Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences (MCOORR). Program support is provided by the Maryland Department of Health.

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About the Westminster Rescue Mission

Founded in 1968, the Westminster Rescue Mission is a community that provides clinical, physical, and spiritual resources to heal the addicted and feed the hungry. We take a holistic approach with Christ as the foundation of our work. Our two service areas include the Addiction Healing Center and the Mission Food Program.

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