Samaritan House Evaluation Report

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The agency that I have decided to evaluate is the Samaritan House, located at 2620 Southern Blvd in Virginia Beach, Virginia. I have contacted the Housing and Volunteer manager of the agency. Melody Sanders has already granted me permission to volunteer as long as this agency has been approved by my professor and pending background check. Mrs. Sanders also introduced me to Rebecca Headings, who is the Children’s Program Supervisor. Rebecca has agreed to allow me to evaluate the Children’s Program that she supervises.

The Samaritan House mission is to “foster personal safety, growth and self-sufficiency in adults and their children through the freedom from sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking and homelessness” (Samaritan House, n.d). The purpose of this agency is to “provide emergency and permanent housing, support services and community outreach to victims of domestic violence and homeless families” (Samaritan House, n.d ). Samaritan house provides trauma informed services for victims of violent crimes and their children in transitional housing. At Samaritan House, the population that this agency provides services to is victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They also provide services to victims of human trafficking and to families with children who have experience some sort of trauma. Although, the agency operates out of the city of Virginia Beach, they have safe houses located in undisclosed areas for the safety of the clients they serve.

I have chosen this agency because they are allowing me to volunteer to complete the required hours needed for another Human Service class that I am enrolled in this semester, while also giving me access to evaluate one of their programs and agreeing to participate in the evaluation process. The evaluation process may consist of interviews and surveys which I have already explain to Rebecca. I will also try to incorporate whether or not the program is succeeding in reducing the signs of trauma in children. Another reason why I chose this agency is because I was told from Mrs. Sanders that if I continue to volunteer after reaching the required hours that I may be considered to complete my actual internship with agency.

**References**

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