NEW SONG MISSION, INC.
RESPITE HOUSEPARENT JOB DESCRIPTION
(Revised 01/18)

Position: Respite Houseparent Couple (together with spouse)

Time commitment: 4 consecutive days a month, Wednesday evening until Saturday evening

Salary: Pay varies based on experience

Location: New Song Mission campus, 7202 Keith Donaldson Road, Freetown, Indiana (Brown County)

Mission Statement: The purpose of New Song Mission is to equip at-risk children for life.

Ministry Overview: New Song Mission, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit Christian ministry that provides fatherless, at-risk children with safe, loving homes, a tailored education, biblical guidance, and enriching experiences so that they will live wholesome, productive, and joyful lives in Christ. Through this holistic care, significant mentoring relationships, and the transforming love of Jesus, children will become fully equipped to fulfill God's wonderful purpose for their lives. New Song's educational campus community is located on 100 scenic in beautiful Brown County, Indiana where children live in a family-like, Christian environment, to the glory of God.

General Description: Respite Houseparent Couples are highly trusted, committed Christians who treasure Jesus and want to serve Him by temporarily caring for at-risk children and youth. Respite houseparent couples generally live in one of New Song's campus homes while the children's full-time houseparents take time out for rest and rejuvenation.

The primary responsibility of Respite Houseparent Couples is to keep children safe, while providing a loving home environment through which God can transform lives through the love and power of Christ Jesus. Respite Houseparent Couples will also disciple the children in their care and live out Christian values among the children while leading lifestyles that model positive Christian character.

Respite houseparenting requires temporary residence in a New Song home. Each campus home is equipped with a separate bedroom designated specifically for Respite Houseparents.

General Responsibilities:

The general responsibilities of Respite Houseparent Couples are to support the full-time houseparent couples by:

- Supervising children in accordance with houseparent and supervisory staff directives in accordance with New Song policies and procedures
- Keeping the children safe
- Maintaining an atmosphere of empathy, love, and structure in the home
- Preparing meals
- Leading family devotions
- Leading recreational activities
- Keeping the New Song home and home exterior well cared for

Policies and Procedures

Respite Houseparents are required to know and follow the policies in New Song's Houseparent Handbook as well as Best Practices and training.

Reporting

Respite Houseparents must report incidents and activities as requested by the primary Houseparents and New Song administrators.

Respite Houseparent Qualifications:

Married Couple: Husband and wife, male and female, with at least 2 years of marriage

Experience: Has experience working with children

Training: Is open to training and feedback on their houseparenting responsibilities

Christian Faith: Has received Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and demonstrates a mature faith in the Lord

Statement of Faith: Is in agreement with New Song's Statement of Faith

Biblical Morality: Agrees with and lives by the biblical morality of the Holy Scriptures

Personal characteristics: Possesses the personal characteristics which are necessary and beneficial to effectively care for at-risk children including patience, empathy, assertiveness, and confidence

Physical Capacity: Has the physical capacity to fulfill each of the duties and responsibilities listed, as well as the following physical activities: general lifting, light athletics, family outings such as hiking.

Valid Driver's License: Has and maintains a valid driver's license and be able to operate a ministry vehicle to transport children without restrictions

Other Abilities: strong interpersonal skills, a high level of honesty, good discernment, organizational skills

For more information, please contact us at info@NewSongMission.org or call 812-372-1004.