



# Alternative House

The Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge

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Skating Club of Northern Virginia  
3779 Pickett Road  
Fairfax, VA 22031

Dear Friends at the Skating Club of Northern Virginia:

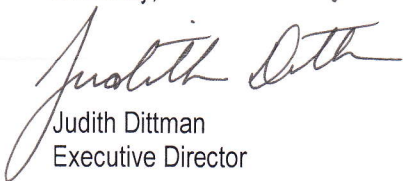
Thank you for generously donating food, baby items, and clothing to Alternative House – The Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge.

Your contribution makes a tremendous difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable young people in our area. It helps young people like Steve and Tony who came to Alternative House after they and their mother were evicted from their apartment. While in a homeless shelter, it was discovered that their mother had a brain tumor and would need surgery and months of time to recover. At just 14 and 16 years of age, the brothers couldn't care for themselves so they came to our Emergency Shelter for Teenagers. While they were here, they got help with facing the uncertainties their lives hold and the concern they have for their mother. Today the brothers are in a program in Prince William County and expect to reunite with their mother after she recovers from her surgery. Steve and Tony have been calling back weekly to let us know how they're doing.

In our community all types of young people are homeless or otherwise living unsafely, and children are growing up in poverty. Nearly 10,000 youth in northern Virginia run away or live on the streets each year. Alternative House has been providing support to at-risk children, youth and their families through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention and outreach for 40 years. At Alternative House, young people find shelter and caring counselors, and develop important life skills so they can be safe and succeed in life.

It would not be possible to provide these services to the community without your support. Your contribution helps every young person who walks through our doors and is greatly appreciated by all of us. On behalf of the Board, staff, volunteers and, most of all, the young people of Alternative House, thank you so much for your support of our organization.

Sincerely,



Judith Dittman  
Executive Director

P.S. Please use this letter as a record of your contribution for tax purposes and as notification for the Internal revenue Service that Alternative House did not provide you with goods or services in return for your donation.

P.P.S. Alternative House keeps all donor contact information confidential. Please be assured that your information will not be given or sold to anyone.

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*Transforming the lives of at-risk children and youth.*

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