The Refuge welcomes individuals who are striving to overcome various forms of addiction, abuse, homelessness, and strings of unfortunate events that have put them in a hole so deep they need assistance to climb out. The Refuge is here to support them through faith, community, and educational means.

- **Orientation and adjustment to schedule**
- **Encouraged faith support**
- **Therapy and stress support**
- **General education support**

**Project Goals:**

- Build community support
- Help residents heal and overcome obstacles
- Give residents basic skills that they can take with them and implement in their lives outside The Refuge
- Implement urban agriculture for a more self-sustainable lifestyle

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vertical gardening is a space saving alternative that can be implemented in a variety of ways - container plantings, green walls, indoor herb gardens, etc.

The large farmhouse style table and prep area serve as a central icon for the baseline goal of The Refuge: to foster community support. Around the table the residents can learn, eat, talk, and enjoy the relaxing environment of the courtyard with all the greenery.

Through my intervention The Refuge will now be able to support residents with an educational and lifestyle application of urban farming.

- Introduction to agriculture
- Ownership of agriculture
- Applications of agriculture
- Community support

one to four months
four to ten months
The square foot gardening technique makes it simple for one person to grow a majority of the food they need to consume. The ideal raised bed is 4'x4' (as a person can reach in to tend to plants about 2' comfortably). Designating one 4'x4' raised bed for greens, one for daily use, and one for storage can support on average one person.

Trellis structures can help support plants like melons, tomatoes, and beans!

Greenhouses can extend the growing season—especially needed with our winter climate. Good for “kitchen gardens” as well as it is nearby the house.

Mentoring of new residents
Transition to independence
Separate ownership of agriculture
Reinstatement into society with self-sufficiency
Implementation of agriculture in autonomous lifestyle

Ownership of agriculture

Ten months to exit
The orchard seen right is an expansion of the mini educational orchard closer to the main house where residents will learn to care for and harvest from orchard trees. A walking path runs through and around the large orchard and offers a sitting area with a water feature to support the residents through means of reflection and stress relief.

The residents have the opportunity to grow and learn along in the main house with a close community support. However, once they are further through their path of healing and recovery residents can transition in to a independent housing structure collected in pods to maintain community support. Residents of the pods will collectively care for raised beds nearer to their homes for their personal use.
By providing a large central green space and playground area, as well as integrating agricultural classes customized for children, and providing daycare while residents aim to gain part-time jobs, The Refuge can welcome and support a wider range of residents. Children are an important part of many residents' lives and can grow and heal in the same space as their parents and peers.