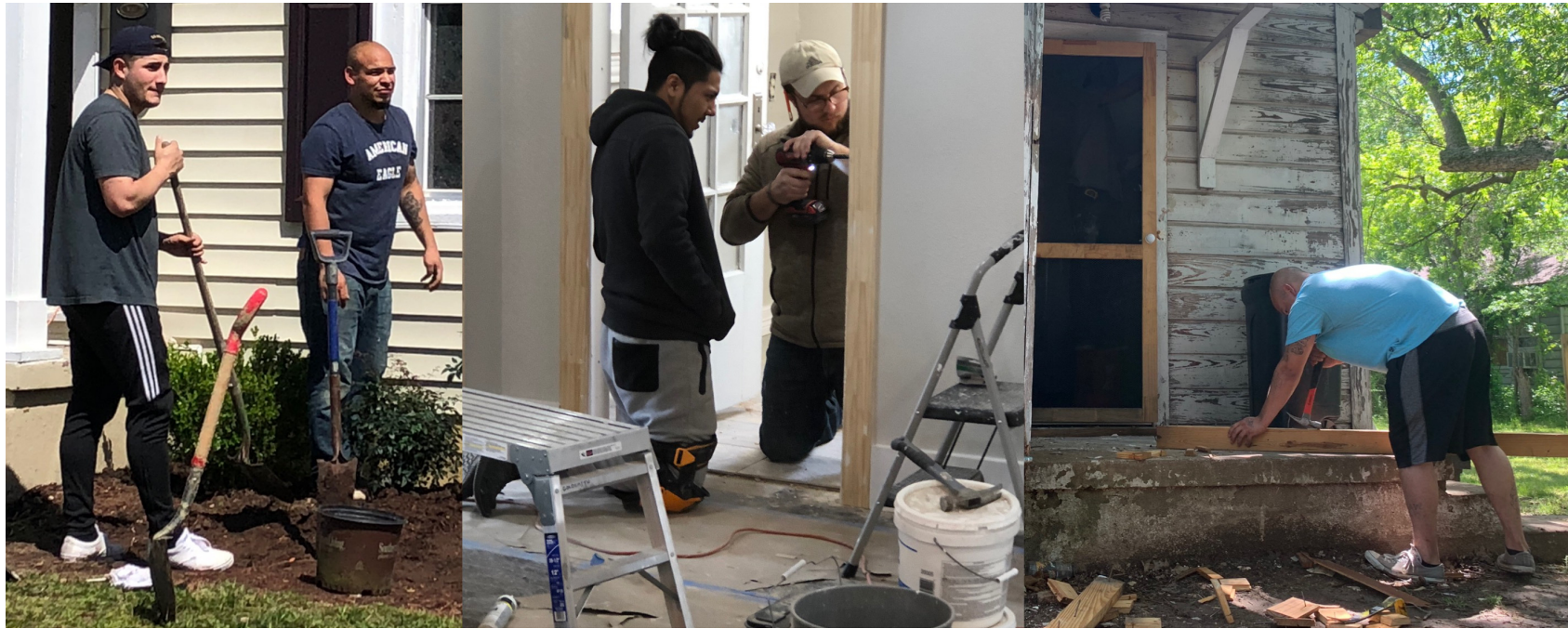


# House of Eli

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## A BIG THANKS!

You, yes YOU, make all that we do at the House of Eli possible! Whether it is through prayer, volunteerism, or financial support you are making a difference in the lives of our kids. With your support our annual fundraiser, "The Choice", was a huge success. Our Judges Choice Winner, Mary Clare Foley, a FIFTH grader, and our People's Choice Winner, Kassie Shaw blew everyone away with their performances. Mary Clare will be opening for Symphony in the Park on May 23rd and Kassie Shaw will be opening for Hot Summer Nights on July 11. You won't want to miss hearing them again! Your continual support through events like The Choice and your independent donations specifically contribute to safe housing, educational opportunities, job training, counseling, mentorship and so much more. There are no words to express our gratitude!



### Did you know?

- Approximately 9,000 youth are incarcerated for technical violations each year. Limited family support and resources render them unable to navigate the court system for minor offenses such as violating curfew, paying a ticket, or running away. Half are held for over 90 days and 25% are held in restrictive, correctional style facilities for as long as a year.
- House of Eli works with these youth to provide a way out of the court system. 80% of our youth do not transition into the adult system.



# Our Eli Bros Program

House of Eli has completed our first flip house and it is on the market! Through our jobs program our boys earn money allowing them to become debt free, pursue educational opportunities, and save for their future. They also learn important jobs skills- being on time, what excellent work looks like, how to bid a job, and the basics of construction.



Under the direction of our Vocational Coordinator, Jim Hartwick, the boys are already hard at work on our next property. Our goal is to provide a safe work environment while allowing our guys to rebuild shattered lives. Our jobs program is a learning lab and establishes a foundation for life-long success in the workplace.

## PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING DONATION OPTIONS:

House of Eli relies on private donors and grants to provide services that benefit us all. It costs Texas (per TJJD website) **\$473.11 PER DAY** to incarcerate **ONE** juvenile. **House of Eli provides services for \$73 a day.**

**Something as small as SKIPPING your Starbucks run once a week to make room in your budget for us WILL change a life and BREAK the chains of poverty, drug addiction, and homelessness.**

**PLEASE** consider making a reoccurring donation to House of Eli (or any donation!) by visiting **houseofeli.net** or by mail at 123 S. Ricketts Sherman, TX 75092! We know your time is precious, but serving others is never a waste. Many families like to model service for their children and providing a meal is a great way to do that. At House of Eli our boys are required to cook and clean, however, there are 21 meals served on a weekly basis. We are asking for help providing lunch or dinner on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You may prepare something in your own kitchen or purchase a meal to drop off. Meals should be able to serve 12 people (as some of our staff and/or volunteers are usually present for meals). Menu choice is up to you! Our young men are working diligently to rebuild their lives. Nutritious meals provide them with the fuel they to tackle challenges and acts as a reminder that people they don't even know care for them and are cheering them on. Visit **takethemameal.com** to learn more & sign up today!