



HUNTSVILLE HOSPITALITY HOUSE



Texas

Dan Linkous has never let distance get in the way of visiting his incarcerated son. Even when the trip took him 16 hours by bus, Dan always found a way to see him.

Thankfully, Dan's son was transferred to Huntsville four years ago. It's a much shorter trip, and there is a place where he can stay the night free of charge: Huntsville Hospitality House.

Since 1986, Hospitality House has served the families of the incarcerated in the state of Texas, said Executive Director Debra McCammon. It offers guests a safe place to stay, refuge, comfort, orientation into the Texas criminal justice system, hot meals and spiritual guidance.

"Our tagline is, 'Sharing God's Grace with the Other Victims of Crime,'" McCammon said. "The families are victims as well. Their suffering is ongoing day after day, month after month."

Dan visits Hospitality House every Friday so he can see his son on Saturday.

"For me, to visit with my son regularly keeps our family going," Dan said. "We are the family right now. Without the Hospitality House I would not be able to keep the relationship I have with my son."

The Huntsville Hospitality House is supported by the Texas Baptists Cooperative Program through restorative justice efforts of the Christian Life Commission. When our church gives to Texas Baptists, we help fund this ministry that brings hope to families in the midst of great difficulties.

Let's pray now for Debra McCammon and the Hospitality House.