



Join Our Community

We are a community of compassion, understanding and inclusion. We are the community that comes alongside caregivers on their journey to offer encouragement, grace and strength. We live out our values with love, hope and joy. We are always excited to welcome new families to our community and we encourage you to engage with all of the programs that feel right for you!



Our Mission

To provide respite, resources and support to parents and guardians of children with special needs or life-threatening medical conditions where they will be refreshed, restored and renewed in their roles as caregiver.



Our Vision

To become a community nationally recognized for empowering caregivers to lead their families with strength and grace.



Our Values

Respect - we believe in the sanctity of human life and will treat everyone with dignity and respect

Relationships - we believe in the power of community

Compassion - we are committed to serving with care and empathy

Empowerment - we believe with exposure to the right resources and the right people, we can offer hope to one another

Excellence - we are committed to offering quality service in all areas of our mission

Contact the David's Refuge Team

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Our Services



Weekend Respite – Enjoy two nights away with other amazing caregivers. Couples & single caregivers enjoy time with others and time on their own

Caregiver Night Out – Available once per year for our families, eat out at your favorite spot and David's Refuge will reimburse up to \$50 of the cost

Events – David's Refuge hosts events throughout the year, both virtually and in person. Join us for events for just caregivers, one just for moms, one just for dads, and many for the whole family.

Online/Social Media – Interact with the DR community through our private Facebook page for caregivers, weekly email newsletter, and website resource page

Host Mentor – Opportunity for ongoing relationship with a mentor who "gets it." Your Host will offer encouragement and support throughout the year.

Wellness Initiative – Year-round support with 5 different areas of focus, this program includes a monthly newsletter and monthly opportunities to engage

Am I Eligible?

My Child Has Special Needs (you should be able to answer yes to at least 4)

- You have child with special needs that you care for in your home 7 days a week.
- Your child is OPWDD eligible
- Your child receives related services (PT,OT, Speech) more than 3 days a week
- Your child is in a specialized classroom (8:1:1, 12:1:1, etc) and attends the extended school year program
- Your child has a behavior plan that is utilized at school and at home to manage behaviors
- You must aid your child with all/most daily living skills as a result of their special needs

My Child Has A Life Threatening Illness

- You have child with a life threatening illness (currently receiving treatment) that you care for in your home 7 days a week