



Facts about LISA, Inc.

*“We provide **safe, supportive, empowering** programs and services that help young people transition into adulthood. LISA, Inc. ensures that youth are safe and cared for every day.”*

Who is Lisa?	What Do We Do?
<p>Lisa Steinberg was one of over 1,000 children who died from child abuse in 1987. At six years old, Lisa died from injuries caused by years of physical abuse by her parents. At that time, our agency was merging three programs under one unified name. Executive Director, Robert Butler, was moved by her story - as he lived most of his childhood in foster care. He renamed the agency “LISA, Inc.” and began providing housing, case management and independent living services to adolescent girls in Plainville.</p> <p>Over the next 20 years, new programs were developed to meet the growing needs of the state’s most vulnerable youth.</p>	<p>LISA, Inc. is a non-profit agency. Our target population includes young people in Connecticut whose parents are not able to care for them. The youth we serve have survived neglect, abuse, and loss and are eager to have a successful future. We are proud to have served Connecticut youth for over 40 years.</p> <p>LISA, Inc. programs help young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Have a safe place to live ◦ Develop healthy interpersonal relationships ◦ Heal from abuse and neglect ◦ Achieve academically ◦ Build vocational competency ◦ Effectively manage social and cultural interactions ◦ Explore their spiritual wants and needs ◦ Learn real-life independent living skills ◦ Access the community resources and services they need

Our Successes

LISA, Inc. has served more than 100 young people over the past three years. Last year, **The Community Based Life Skills program** reported that 38 youth successfully completed the program with 100% of them demonstrating gains in ALL life skills areas taught.

At the **SAIL program**, 45% of youth completed all educational requirements, 50% completed all life skills requirements, and 56% moved to a higher level of independence. 39% of young people served have successfully **completed all three components** of the program; including life skills requirements, educational requirements, and have moved to a higher level of independence.

In February 2016, LISA, Inc. opened a new program called Lisa’s Wish, which provides dorm-style housing to older adolescent girls. While there, they learn independent living skills, go to school and find a job. This trauma-informed program supports girls’ healing while they practice living on their own.

Client Thoughts: “I’m very grateful...I have learned the value of friendship and integrity. The staff is quite phenomenal; their hard work and dedication is what makes our everyday life worth living. Through the grace of God...I have graduated from a brat to a young lady. I just want to say thank you because although I wanted to give up, I never did because I realized that I had great people who were willing to stick by my side.”

LISA, Inc. Wish List

The residents in our care will celebrate birthdays, graduations, holidays and achievements during the time they spend with us. Donating **gift cards** or certificates is a great way to help them celebrate important milestones. Below are some of our residents' favorite places:

Walmart, Target, Nail and Hair Salons, Hair Salons, Shop Rite, ShopRite, Aldi, CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, Ocean State Job Lot, Ulta Beauty, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Kohl's, Eblens, H&M, Macy's, Foot Locker, Famous Footwear, Old Navy, American Eagle, Forever 21, Sears, Babies R Us, Nordstrom Rack, Applebees, Joey Garlics, Chipotle, Panera, Outback Steak House, Friendly's, Moes, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, Sliders, Olive Garden, TGI Fridays, Subway, Wood-N-Tap, Chili's, Frankies, Ruby Tuesdays, McDonalds, Burger King .

Items Needed:

1. New (or gently used) Twin Bedroom Sets
2. Laptop computers (new or refurbished)
3. Training tables (5ft x 2ft; need 15)
4. TV's (new or refurbished)
5. Landscaping services (both landscaping help and lawn service)
6. Snow removal services
7. Small appliances, (Countertop microwaves, blenders, toasters, etc.)
8. Welcome bags/baskets for new residents (hygiene items, snacks, comfort item)
9. Vacuums
10. Cleaning supplies (mops, brooms, wipes, Swiffer Sweepers, cleaners)
11. Paper Towels
12. Toilet Paper
13. Bath and hand towels
14. Curtains
15. Shower curtains
16. Plungers
17. Irons
18. George Foreman grills
19. Portable Fans
20. Winter Coats (women and men's, range in sizes)
21. Yoga classes
22. Movie Passes
23. Amusement Park passes
24. School and Art Supplies
25. Bedding for twin beds (sheets, blankets, comforters, pillows)
26. Clear plastic storage bins

There are many ways you can support us!

Ask us about becoming a Friend of LISA, Inc.