

## About Room at the Inn

**R**oom at the Inn is an emergency shelter for homeless women and families in St. Louis County. In addition to safe, clean shelter, food, laundry and shower facilities, personal supplies, phone, fax, and computer access, we offer extensive services designed to help clients return to self-reliance as quickly as possible.

We serve about 200 people per year. Typically, half are children, one quarter are single mothers, and one quarter are single women. Most report having domestic violence or abuse in their personal histories.

Room at the Inn is a women-operated non-sectarian, non-discriminatory 501(c)(3) organization that has been sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence since 1993. The Sisters of Divine Providence promote a consistent ethic of life and work toward a world of compassion, justice, and peace.

Learn more about Room at the Inn by visiting our website at [www.RoomSTL.org](http://www.RoomSTL.org).



To receive your Missouri State tax credit,  
simply donate to Room at the Inn:



P.O. Box 3009  
Bridgeton, MO 63044

or

Donate online at  
[www.RoomSTL.org](http://www.RoomSTL.org)

*(Click the "Donate" button for a quick,  
safe, secure donation using your Visa,  
MasterCard, Discover, or  
American Express credit card.)*

For more information about the  
Missouri Tax Credit program,  
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# ROOM AT THE INN AND MISSOURI STATE TAX CREDITS

## YOUR DONATION TO ROOM AT THE INN WILL ...

- ☞ break the cycle of homelessness for women and families!
- ☞ aid victims of domestic violence!

*The same donation can also cut  
your Missouri State tax bill by an  
additional 50% of the amount of  
your contribution!*



# YOU CAN SAVE MORE ON YOUR MISSOURI STATE TAXES

**R**oom at the Inn is approved to receive donations under the Missouri Department of Social Services tax credit program. This means that your donation of \$250 or more to Room at the Inn allows you to take a credit on your Missouri State income taxes.

## Who qualifies for these tax credits?

Practically everyone! Individuals, businesses, partnerships, LLCs, financial institutions, insurance companies, etc. Nearly everyone who pays Missouri state taxes, with very few exceptions.

## How is this different from my regular tax deductions?

Your usual tax deductions still apply, plus you get a tax credit equal to 50 percent of your donation. This credit comes right off the amount of taxes you owe!

## This sounds too good to be true!

The tax credit program is administered by the Missouri Department of Social Services. Room at the Inn is an established organization and meets the BBB Wise Giving Alliance Standards for Charity Accountability. This is definitely a win-win opportunity. Please call your tax consultant if you have any questions.

## Is it a hassle or does it require a lot of paperwork?

No hassle, but it does require some paperwork. Room at the Inn will gladly handle most of the formalities, but you will need to fill in your name, address, Social Security Number or Federal Employer's ID

number, along with your signature, on the tax credit application form. We take care of the rest. Our goal is to make this as easy as possible for you.

## Here's an example:

Say you make a \$250 donation to Room at the Inn ...

Cash Donation	\$250.00
Federal Tax Deduction (25%*)	-\$62.50
Missouri Tax Deduction (6%*)	-\$ 15.00
<b>Missouri Tax Credit</b>	<b>-\$125.00</b>
<b>Cost to you:</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>

*\* amount of tax deduction depends on your own taxable income and other factors*

The tax credit does not depend on your taxable income, deductions, or anything else; it comes right off your taxes due.

## So, what happens if I don't owe any additional taxes and get a refund instead?

You get a larger refund, or you can carry the credit forward, for up to four years.

## When does this start?

Tax credits are available right now, for credit on your 2010 tax bill. **Your donation must be received by December 31.** However, the state has set a limit on the credits for gifts to Room at the Inn, so send your gift early to ensure you can claim your credit.

## Sounds good! Tell me how the process works.

1. Make a donation to Room at the Inn before December 31, 2010.
2. We will complete our portion of the "Application for Claiming Tax Credits" along with verifying documentation and mail it to you along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
3. You fill in your name, address, SSN/FEIN as it appears on your tax return, sign, and return to us.
4. We will file the form with the Missouri Department of Social Services and you will be notified within 45 days of your tax credit approval.

## Do I have to make a single donation of more than \$250?

No. A single gift makes the paperwork easier for all of us, but you can make smaller gifts, and as soon as the total reaches \$250, you are eligible for the tax credit. Also, once you reach the \$250 minimum, any size donation is eligible for an additional tax credit.

Still have questions? Visit the Missouri Department of Social Services website at [www.dss.mo.gov/dfas/taxcredit/dvtaxcredit.htm](http://www.dss.mo.gov/dfas/taxcredit/dvtaxcredit.htm) or our website at [www.RoomSTL.org](http://www.RoomSTL.org). We have a link under the "How You Can Help" section.



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**