



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Clare Housing relies on support from community members to achieve our mission of providing affordable housing, supportive services and compassionate care to people living with HIV/AIDS.

- **Volunteers** Community members contribute nearly 400 hours of service each month cooking meals in the homes, visiting with residents, providing administrative support, helping at events, donating their skilled services and much more.
- **Donations** Support from the community is critical to our programs. Donations from individual donors, corporate and private foundations, religious congregations and community groups make up approximately 25% of our annual budget.
- **Awareness** Clare Housing expands awareness of housing and care needs of people living with HIV/AIDS through a network of social service organizations, concerned community members, neighborhood groups, health care providers, government employees and elected officials.



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WHY CLARE HOUSING?

Clare Housing provides safe, affordable housing and compassionate care to persons coping with the disabilities of HIV/AIDS. Our staff and volunteers help residents and tenants stay as active and involved in life as they wish and are able to be. We respect the diverse cultures, religious preferences, and socio-economic backgrounds of everyone we serve, as well as extend support and comfort to their family and friends.

Clare Housing responds to the changing epidemic and growing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS with comprehensive housing opportunities and support services that help them manage their health and their lives.



CLARE APARTMENTS

- 32 efficiency and one bedroom apartments
- 24/7 front desk staff
- Professional staff provides support, information and referrals
- On-site home care available including assistance with medications, personal care and arranging appointments
- Rental assistance



ADULT FOSTER CARE HOMES

Our six adult foster care homes each serve four residents in a more intensive care setting. The homes provide the following levels of care:

- Private room with phone and cable
- Three nutritious meals and snacks
- 24 hour professional staff trained in HIV/AIDS care giving
- Assistance with personal cares, medication administration, appointment coordination



PROJECT CORNERSTONE

- Serving previously homeless individuals and families
- Rental assistance in 1-3 bedroom apartments
- Independent living skills training
- Professional staff provides support, information and referrals



STRATEGIC VISION

Safe, stable housing is the foundation for living successfully with HIV. Studies show strong and consistent correlations between improved housing status and reduction in HIV/AIDS risk behaviors, access to medical care, improved health outcomes and savings in tax payer dollars.

As a result, Clare Housing is committed to increasing housing opportunities and services to people living with HIV/AIDS who:

- Are most marginalized
- Have least access to housing and health care
- Are most vulnerable
- Need family housing



With a variety of housing options, Clare Housing will further address the needs of the community members described above with projects that include:

- A scattered-site housing program that provides rental assistance and case management
- The creation of a new single-site supportive housing program with home care services
- Expanding and/or enhancing the continuum of housing opportunities for people living with HIV/AIDS



THE NEED FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Due to a number of changes in the lives and health of people affected by HIV/AIDS, there is an increased need for affordable, permanent, supportive housing for persons living with the disease. Among these changes are:

- As more people live longer, the number of people disabled by HIV/AIDS continues to grow.
- According to the Minnesota Department of Health, about 90 percent of persons living with HIV/AIDS in Minnesota live in the seven-county metropolitan area. Of these, many live in substandard housing; others are homeless. Case managers report that one of the most pressing issues for their clients is finding affordable and appropriate housing.

