

Arundel House of Hope

COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY

- Single adults 18 years or older.
- Chronically homeless (Experiencing homelessness for a year or more or multiple times in the past three years).
- Have a verifiable disability.
- Be able to live independently in a small group home environment.
- Many of the residents suffer from health, mental health issues and substance abuse issues.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- Provides permanent housing in a group home environment for those experiencing homelessness, we currently have 6 homes (four for men and two for women)
- Residents sign a lease with Arundel House of Hope (AHOH).
- Homes are in communities throughout Anne Arundel County at scattered sites near transportation hubs, shopping and other support services.
- Usually in a 3–5 bedroom single-family home and each resident uses one bedroom and share the common areas including the living spaces, kitchen, and bathrooms.
- Residents are responsible for general property upkeep (cleaning, lawncare, etc....).
- Resident rent is based on their net income, not exceeding 30%.
- Residents receive support and Case Management services through AHOH staff.
- Operating and Support Services are provided by HUD.

HOMELESSNESS TO PERMANENTLY HOUSED







SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES

- Provides community-based permeant affordable housing for low-income individuals.
- Most stay in the program for many years, some for over 10 years.
- Average age of the residents is 58 years old.
- Most residents are low income and on some type of disability income.
- Many of the residents have been chronically homeless for more than 5 years and if they reside past one year, they usually stay permanently housed
- The most common reason people leave the program is health related, they either can't live independently any longer and move into assisted living or pass away.
- Most of the resident's income increase and they have more positive health outcomes while staying permanently housed.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES...

- We must find the properties to lease from landlords that are willing to rent to us and partner with us to house our residents, in a tight real-estate market this can be very difficult.
- Landlords may decide to sell their properties thus forcing us to move and relocate our residents to find another place to lease, this can be very difficult for our staff and residents.
- Having the ability to purchase these properties allows us to control the property and not be at a landlord's discretion on whether to lease or sell the property.
- Purchasing the property allows for a more stable and secure residence for Arundel House of Hope and our residents, and more control over the property.

QUESTIONS????

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