

Friendship Apartments

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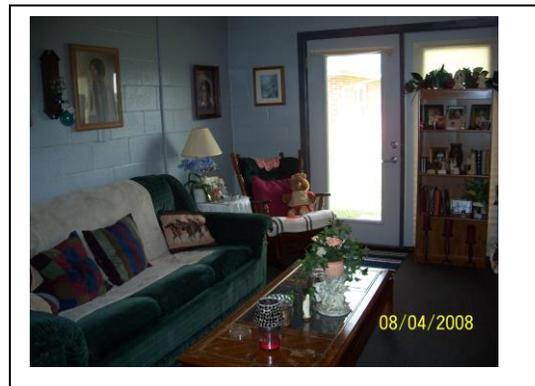
Friendship Apartments provides permanent supportive housing to individuals who are homeless with a disabling condition and individuals who are chronically homeless with a disabling condition.

HUD's final definition of "chronic homelessness" includes those individuals with a disabling condition who have either been:

- Continuously homeless for a year or longer; or,
- Have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years that combined total at least one year.

To be considered chronically homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., streets) and/or in an emergency homeless shelter during that time.

The facility consists of 8 permanent one-bedroom apartments, 9 one-bedroom units dedicated to chronically homeless individuals.



CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

1. must be homeless or chronically homeless depending on the program you come in on
2. must be willing to receive services
3. must be at least 18 years of age
4. must have a disabling condition

A person is considered homeless only when he/she resides in one of the places described below:

- In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings (on the street).
- In an emergency shelter.
- In transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters.
- In any of the above places but is spending a short time (up to 90 consecutive days) in a hospital or other institution.
- Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, which have no identified subsequent residence and have the lack of resources to obtain other permanent housing.

To be eligible for both of our programs you must also have a disability. To be eligible for one of the programs you must be chronically homeless, as well.

LENGTH OF STAY

There is no time limit set on the length of stay. In addition to regular supportive services, case management, and skill building, residents will be encouraged to their maximum ability to increase their income and therefore their self-sufficiency by obtaining employable skills or in developing a self-employment opportunity. These opportunities will be provided on-site and residents will be encouraged to take advantage of them. Once residents are stabilized and have a steady income, residents will be encouraged to save money.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Effective supportive services geared toward the needs of residents who are homeless are key to helping achieve self-sufficiency. All residents will actively work with their case manager in determining goals and outcomes. A range of services are offered to assist individuals and families in their ability to maintain essential life skills and housing, thereby preventing further episodes of homelessness. Services available include but, are not limited to; case management, outreach, crisis intervention, substance abuse treatment, behavioral health, job training and placement. Additional referrals commonly include the Division of Family Services for food stamps, TANF, Medicaid, general relief and application for disability benefits if those are not already in place.

REFERRAL

Referrals may come from any source. An agency or church or the resident themselves may be the referral source.