

Clare Housing provides affordable housing, supportive services and compassionate care to people living with HIV/AIDS.

WHY CLARE HOUSING?

Clare Housing provides compassionate care, a safe and peaceful environment, and comfortable accommodations 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. At Clare Housing, everyone has the right and the responsibility to live in harmony with others.

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

- opened in September 2005 with 32 units
- provides independent and affordable living for people living with HIV/AIDS
- increased the number of housing units dedicated to people living with HIV/AIDS in the state by 47%
- increased the number of people Clare Housing serves by 700%
- ten of the apartments are reserved for people who are homeless



Clare Apartments

ADULT FOSTER CARE HOMES

Our six adult foster care homes each house four residents for a total of 24 people, and provide the following levels of care:

- **Stabilization** for those who need time to regain strength, learn daily living skills and medication management.
- **Fulltime assisted care** for those who are no longer able to live independently or safely in the community due to physical or mental impairment.
- **End of life care** for those who need a comfortable and supportive atmosphere in which to spend their final time.



Agape Dos



Agape Home



Clare House



Damiano House



Grace House I



Grace House II

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:

- **5,556 people are living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A) in Minnesota.**
- The number of PLWH/A is **increasing each year** and the infection rate has remained fairly steady since 1997
- As more people live longer, the **number of people disabled by HIV/AIDS** continues to grow
- Poverty, mental illness, chemical dependency and homelessness are increasing among PLWH/A.
- AIDS is escalating among the chronically homeless, mentally ill and chemically dependent.
- **New drug therapies** are enabling many with HIV/AIDS to live longer but not always healthier lives. Fewer deaths and an unchanged infection rate have resulted in a steady increase of persons living with the disease.
- Because many of those affected by AIDS have **multiple medical diagnoses or other complicating life issues** unrelated to the disease, it is increasingly difficult to treat the disease.
- **The period of disability**—where people with HIV/AIDS will need low-cost housing, supportive services and financial assistance—has grown from months to years. Since HIV/AIDS tends to impoverish those it affects, persons who most need decent housing are often least able to afford them.
- 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.

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 as well as government employees and officials.