



# SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:

Supportive housing is permanent, affordable housing with onsite services that helps formerly homeless tenants with special needs live in dignity in the community.

#### ENDS HOMELESSNESS

Supportive housing is the single most effective solution to homelessness among the most vulnerable. It provides permanent housing and critical support services to those that need it most - people with mental health challenges, substance use disorders, HIV/AIDs, chronically homeless veterans, and young adults aging out of foster care among others.

Studies on supportive housing show high retention rates, with **only 5% of tenants returning to homelessness.** 

#### **SAVES LIVES**

## Supportive housing provides a permanent home for individuals and

**families.** Services provided are specific to the needs of individual tenants and can include case management, vocational and employment services, child care, independent living skills training, substance use counseling. and psychiatric and primary health care. Tenants are able to stay housed, get healthy, and reconnect to the community.

"Supportive housing brought me back to life"-Supportive housing tenant

#### **IMPROVES NEIGHBORHOODS**

## Supportive housing enriches communities and increases property

**values**. Supportive housing's high-quality design and construction, excellent property management and focus on security improve neighborhood desirability. Studies show that proximity to supportive housing leads to higher property values.

Supportive housing provides 24/7 staffing and internal and external security features, which leads to improved neighborhood safety. Additionally, residences are subject to long-term oversight by multiple private and public agencies.

### SAVES MONEY

## Supportive Housing is the most cost effective response to homelessness.

Supportive housing residents are typically frequent users of expensive emergency services like shelters, hospitals, prisons and psychiatric centers. Because placement in supportive housing reduces use of these services, it saves taxpayer dollars.

A recent study by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene concluded that supportive housing saves the public approximately \$10,000 per person per year.





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