



Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation

Mercy Housing and Shelter – An Overview

Mercy Housing and Shelter Corp. was founded by the Sisters of Mercy to purchase and operate St. Elizabeth House, a 32,000 square foot facility with 58 tenants, when potential condominium development threatened the preservation of affordable housing. The Sisters of Mercy continue to be committed to Mercy Housing as a vehicle to end homelessness. Strategies to end homelessness started with St. Elizabeth House and have broadened to include other supportive housing initiatives. Funding of Mercy Housing program comes from a combination of government grants, foundation and business support, individual contributions and program fees charged to residents.

Mercy Housing has helped homeless adults and families to transition to permanent housing, through:

Developing a network of over 100 scattered site permanent apartments where formerly homeless individuals and families are provided intensive case management services and rental assistance based on their ability to pay; assistance includes maintaining housing and addressing issues that may have led to their homelessness.

Opening and managing a no-freeze shelter for women and later converting it into a transitional residence for 15 women, in collaboration with the parish of St. Patrick-St. Anthony who provide meals and volunteer support services and Saint Joseph College who provide healthcare services.

Opening and managing a 70-bed transitional housing facility for homeless people in Middletown, with supports to move people to permanent housing.

Opening and managing 16 supportive apartments in West Hartford, targeted toward people who are dealing with mental illness, with intensive case management support services.

Opening and managing a 9 bed residence as the first residential home in Connecticut for homeless people living with HIV/AIDS.

Providing housing opportunities to people who have special needs related to their mental illness and HIV/AIDS.