



IMPOSSIBLE

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Meeting community challenges for lasting impact



Dear friends:

We at Community Housing Network challenge ourselves to tackle difficult problems to make enduring change and deliver lasting impact.


Our innovative housing solutions have provided thousands of individuals the stable homes they need to live more productive lives in the community.

CHN was founded in 1987 as a pilot project to provide supportive housing to people with chronic mental illnesses who needed community-based care and housing after being released from institutions. A decade later, CHN expanded its mission to include people with substance use disorders, to help reach more people experiencing long-term homelessness.

CHN is proud that the permanent supportive housing we pioneered is leaving the lasting impact of reducing adult chronic homelessness.

Because of these and other lasting results, the community continues to turn to CHN to create opportunities for other vulnerable populations to enjoy purposeful, meaningful lives. A new “impossible” challenge is on our horizon: offering innovative supportive housing to help end homelessness for our community’s youth. (See page 6.)

We are grateful for your continued trust. Together, we’re discovering new possibilities for vulnerable populations and creating lasting impact.



Community Housing
Network provides
supportive housing that
creates opportunities
for our residents to be
successful.

We expand these
opportunities and
impact our community
by collaborating with
supportive
partners.



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New homes. New hopes.

Since opening this summer, Laurel Green has provided a permanent home to people with serious mental illnesses, providing them a stable place to access treatment.

Residents are offered ADAMH-funded services on site, helping them prevent acute health crises caused by untreated illnesses, including repeated hospitalization and homelessness.

Laurel Green is built on a formerly vacant Columbus land bank lot. Bus stops, a park and a library are among the neighborhood amenities within walking distance from the apartments.

Funding for the 40-unit, \$7.2 million development was provided by: ADAMH Board of Franklin County, City of Columbus, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Franklin County, Huntington National Bank, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Ohio Housing Finance Agency. The Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority provided critical rental subsidy. The community's collaboration and partnership are fundamental to our ability to create housing like Laurel Green.





Lori Hitchens walks through the door of her apartment tired from a four-hour shift at Wendy's front counter. But it's a good kind of tired from a day of accomplishment. Nothing like the tired she felt most days during the 20 years she battled addiction.

Lori has lived at Terrace Place near the Ohio State University campus since October, after nearly five years in other CHN housing. Today, she is active in AA and other treatment programs.

She is proud to be 3 1/2 years clean. "It's been a journey, and I enjoy this ride," Lori said.

While staying focused on doing well in her job and in recovery, she still makes time to volunteer at a nearby church. She reaches out to troubled people she sees on the street to tell them there is help when they're ready to receive it. "Even moving forward, I still can't forget where I came from," she said.

Giving back is a new way of life for her, which began when an AARP employment training program placed her at a food pantry.

Lori has worked through painful family issues, and today her Terrace Place apartment is abuzz with the voices of nine energetic grandchildren. "I see them any time they can come over, and my nieces and nephews come visit. I have a baby sister that I can't get rid of," she said with a laugh.

Her journey hasn't been without its road bumps, including an early period of defying housing rules. "CHN is about responsibility. If I had not followed these rules, I would have been back on the street. They didn't give up on me."

Now she's ready to take on new responsibilities. "I'm at the point in my life where I have options, and I'm researching those options to move forward. That might include school and training."

"CHN was my saving grace," Lori said. "I have everything that I need to move forward in my life here."

Expansion doubles recovery opportunities

When it opened in 2006, CHN's Briggsdale Apartments featured 35 studio apartments for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Residents have enjoyed the quiet neighborhood and nearby amenities, and the site had plenty of room for a second phase. That's why CHN set its sights on its own Briggsdale Apartments campus for expansion.

This fall, CHN will complete Briggsdale Apartments II, more than doubling the number of residents living in stable housing and sparing the considerable expense of land acquisition.

The new \$8.9 million development adds 40 units and enlarges computer and activity rooms to serve all Briggsdale residents. The new addition physically connects the two buildings to create a unified community.

CHN's latest development will offer on-site support services in partnership with Southeast, Inc., contribute to ending homelessness, and improve the well-being of residents overcoming barriers in their lives.

CHN is grateful to our partners for this success: Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County, ADAMH Board of Franklin County, City of Columbus, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, Community Shelter Board, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Huntington National Bank, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Continuing commitment to Parsons corridor

When Community Housing Network transformed a former boarding house into Parsons Avenue Apartments in 2000, it was CHN's and the city's first Housing First model.

Housing First recognizes that people need stable housing immediately and before they can pursue personal quality-of-life goals. Since then, Housing First has been regarded as a major evidence-based practice for homeless housing and services.

CHN remains committed to the south-side neighborhood with the construction of Parsons Place, a new building sited just two blocks away from the original. Current tenants will be relocated to the new Parsons Place and benefit from neighborhood revitalization that has given rise to a new Columbus Metropolitan Library, Reeb Avenue Center, and PrimaryOne Health.

When completed in 2020, Parsons Place will increase from 25 to 62 units. Like the development it's replacing, Parsons Place will serve people who have been chronically homeless and disabled by mental illness and substance use disorders.

CHN project partners are the Affordable Housing Trust of Columbus and Franklin County, City of Columbus, Community Shelter Board, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Franklin County, Huntington National Bank, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Tailoring housing to young adults

More than 1,300 Columbus-area youth slept in adult homeless shelters last year. Many were caring for children of their own. Often fleeing family conflict, trafficking and neglect, they lack the support of a parent or a consistent, caring adult.

In response to the high number of young adults with no place to call home, Community Housing Network and Huckleberry House are collaborating on Marsh Brook Place, the first permanent supportive housing for homeless youth aged 18 to 24 in Franklin County.

Marsh Brook Place's supportive environment will help residents repair trauma so they can move on to healthy and productive adulthoods. Serving vulnerable youth since 1970, Huckleberry House will provide specially designed service programs to match residents' developmental needs.

Participants will have the opportunity to further their education and find gainful employment. Residents will learn skills to serve them lifelong, such as cooking, cleaning house, parenting, and the keys to being a good student, employee, and neighbor.

Marsh Brook will serve 40 young adults when completed in 2020. CHN's project partners to date are: Affordable Housing Trust of Columbus and Franklin County, City of Columbus, Community Shelter Board, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Franklin County, Huntington National Bank, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Proven Performance



Stabilizing households Households that stay in CHN housing or leave for other permanent housing



Ending homelessness Households leaving CHN housing that do not return to emergency shelter or the streets within six months



Meeting the housing demand Households residing in CHN housing compared to capacity

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

	12/31/17	12/31/16
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 2,182,510	\$ 2,239,636
Cash - designated	3,081,080	3,320,622
Investments - securities	73,880	70,213
Receivables:		
Trade, net	78,873	76,419
Related tax credit projects	1,016,431	475,137
Development fees, current	600,800	1,934,942
Grants and subsidy receivables, net	660,548	902,887
Accrued interest receivable	59,911	23,741
Notes receivable, current	714,774	608,244
Prepaid expenses	487,754	273,704
Total Current Assets	8,956,641	9,925,545
Property and equipment, net	14,930,259	14,376,518
Noncurrent assets	33,225,698	32,353,865
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 57,112,598	\$ 56,655,928
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 562,159	\$ 447,368
Accrued expenses and liabilities	163,255	291,569
Deferred revenue	279,584	200,052
Notes payable	201,784	188,543
Total current liabilities	1,206,782	1,127,532
Long-term Liabilities		
Mortgages and notes payable, net	5,011,167	4,225,257
Tenants' security deposits	73,839	146,751
Total long-term liabilities	5,085,006	4,372,008
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 6,291,788	\$ 5,499,540
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	30,438,702	30,019,735
Temporarily Restricted	20,382,108	21,136,653
Total Net Assets	\$ 50,820,810	\$ 51,156,388
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 57,112,598	\$ 56,655,928

Consolidated Statements of Operations & Changes in Net Assets

	12/31/17	12/31/16
Revenues		
Support:		
Grants - Supportive services	\$ 6,507,199	\$ 6,042,502
Grants - Rental subsidies	2,154,874	2,307,165
Other Revenues:		
Rental income	907,330	945,785
Development & management fees	1,353,943	1,847,123
Other operating income	361,583	524,505
Total Support and Revenue	11,284,929	11,667,080
Pass thru Revenues		
Grant income passed to tax credit projects	1,058,170	1,796,283
Capital grants passed to tax credit projects	340,000	1,045,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 12,683,099	\$ 14,508,363
Expenses		
Program Services:		
Supportive housing	10,694,530	9,836,226
Real estate development	700,790	710,766
Management and general	661,797	620,889
Depreciation and interest	961,560	1,004,646
Impairment loss, tax credit projects	—	—
Other operating expenses	—	—
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,018,677	12,172,527
Change in TOTAL Net Assets	(335,578)	2,335,836
Beginning Net Assets	51,156,388	48,820,552
	\$ 50,820,810	\$ 51,156,388

Audited financial statements are available upon request.

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About CHN

Community Housing Network is a nonprofit housing company that develops, owns and manages permanent supportive housing dedicated to vulnerable populations, including people with mental health conditions, substance use disorders, and histories of homelessness. CHN's portfolio includes 1,200 apartments at more than 140 sites located throughout Franklin County in 32 zip codes.

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