



COMMUNITY HOUSING NETWORK

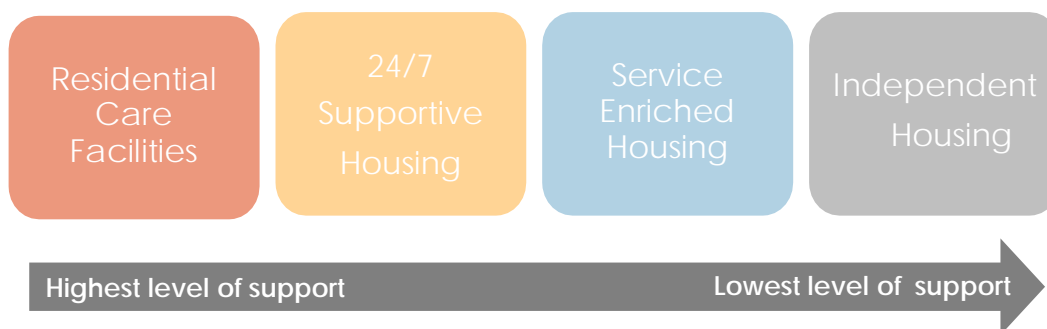
MISSION

Community Housing Network (CHN) develops, owns, and manages housing across Franklin County, Ohio. We rent affordable apartments to people disabled by mental illness, substance abuse and who have histories of homelessness. CHN strategically engages with service agencies that connect residents to the services they need. Our goal is to help people retain housing and fully recovery by providing access to social, health and employment services. CHN has been performing this mission since 1987 and we appreciate the support of numerous funders and collaborators who have contributed to the success of CHN. But our success is a small part of the story. What matters most to CHN is that it has positive impacts on the lives of its residents and our community.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CONTINUUM

CHN develops, owns and manages what is known as Permanent Supportive Housing. Our housing includes social, health and employment services. The housing model provides a stable living environment that “wraps” the tenants in whatever services they need to be successful. By doing so, tenants receive treatment, find work, maintain stability and give back to the community. Success is measured by length of stay in housing, becoming connected to supportive services and by increased income through employment.

During its 28-year history, CHN has developed and managed more than 1,200 apartments located at over 140 different sites scattered throughout Franklin County in 32 zip codes, including six suburban communities. Community Housing Network views its housing along a continuum of the supportive services and property management that is provided at the site. By tailoring its services, CHN can better match people with the support level they need. Within the continuum, CHN has four categories of housing that it provides:



REBUILDING LIVES

In 2008, the Community Shelter Board facilitated the update of Columbus’ and Franklin County’s Rebuilding Lives Plan to end homelessness. This plan takes a systematic approach to review all aspects of our community’s homeless resources, from outreach on the streets and land, the shelter system, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. The update reports that permanent supportive housing reduces the use of shelters significantly, increases residents’ income by connecting them to employment and benefits, and lowers costs from stays in prison or inpatient psychiatric hospital care. As a result, the plan calls for additional units of permanent supportive housing for single adults.

Since 1997, CHN has been working with the Community Shelter Board and its collaborative partners such as the Franklin County ADAMH Board, City of Columbus, Franklin County, and Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, to provide permanent supportive housing with the goal of ending homelessness in our community. As of 2015, CHN has contributed 828 permanent supportive housing units to the 2,330 homeless units in CSB’s permanent supportive housing system (36% of the CSB’s Homeless PSH portfolio). CHN has three models of housing that contribute to the Rebuilding Lives Plan: **24/7**

Supportive Housing (269 units), Service Enriched Housing (238 units), and Independent Housing (321 units). Each of these permanent supportive housing models offers services to residents, often on-site at their homes, to promote housing retention.

24/7 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

CHN's Supportive 24/7 Housing (24/7) is housing with on-site support services that are available 24-hours per day, 7 days per week. The housing is targeted to individuals who are disabled by mental illness, substance abuse, and who have histories of homelessness. Consumer service plans include an array of services, including crisis management, that are available on-site and through community-based ADAMH service partners. CHN makes on-site supportive services available through formal partnerships with ADAMH service providers. **CHN's proposed Parsons Place would be 24/7 housing.** Below are other examples of CHN 24/7 developments:



SAFE HAVEN

OPENED: 1997, 2013

Number of Housing Units: 13

Total Investment: \$1.5 Million

Neighborhood: Near East

PARSONS AVENUE

OPENED: 2000

Number of Housing Units: 25

Total Investment: \$1.8 Million

Neighborhood: South Side/ Reeb-Hosack-Steelton



E. FIFTH AVENUE

OPENED: 2004

Number of Housing Units: 38

Total Investment: \$2.7 Million

Neighborhood: East Columbus

BRIGGSDALE

OPENED: 2006

Number of Housing Units: 35

Total Investment: \$3.8 Million

Neighborhood: Southwest/ Briggsdale



SOUTHPOINT

OPENED: 2008

Number of Housing Units: 80

Total Investment: \$11.5 Million

Neighborhood: Far Southside



INGLEWOOD COURT

OPENED: 2013

Number of Housing Units: 60

Total Investment: \$8.8 Million

Neighborhood: Hilltop



TERRACE PLACE

OPENED: November 2016

Number of Housing Units: 60

Total Investment: \$11.2 Million

Neighborhood: South Campus/ Weinland Park



BRIGGSDALE II

Under Development: Completed 2018

Number of Housing Units: 40

Total Investment: \$8.2 Million

Neighborhood: Southwest/ Briggsdale



PARSONS PLACE

Under Development: Completion Summer of 2020

Number of Housing Units: 62

Total Investment: \$12 Million

Neighborhood: South Southside Columbus



MARSH BROOK PLACE

Under Development: Completion Autumn of 2020

Number of Housing Units: 40

Total Investment: \$9 Million

NEIGHBORHOOD: Far South East Columbus



SERVICE ENRICHED HOUSING

CHN's Service-Enriched Housing (SEH) is housing that provides access to moderate on-site support through residential managers and linking to ADAMH service providers, who are often on-site between 20 to 40 hours per week. The housing is targeted to individuals who are disabled by mental illness, substance abuse, and who have histories of homelessness, but who need less support than residents in CHN's 24/7 Housing. CHN's SEH facilities provide sufficient space for property management, community living, and group activities. Resident managers typically work 20 hours weekly, and are available in the evenings and on weekends. CHN also engages ADAMH service partners, who use on-site community rooms and office space to coordinate support services. CHN also encourage SEH residents to remain connected or become connected to their individual case managers. Below are examples of CHN SEH developments:

JEFFERSON AVENUE

Opened: 2010

Number of Housing Units: 39

Total Investment: \$6.95 Million

Neighborhood: Downtown/ Jefferson Arts District



DOGWOOD GLEN

Opened: 2010

Number of Housing Units: 41

Total Investment: \$6.1 Million

Neighborhood: Northeast Columbus

HAWTHORN GROVE

Opened: 2015

Number of Housing Units: 40

Total Investment: \$6.8 Million

Neighborhood: Downtown/ Discovery District



LAUREL GREEN

Under Development: Completion targeted for Summer of 2018

Number of Housing Units: 40

Total Investment: \$8 Million

Neighborhood: SR-161 and Busch Blvd.

SUCCESS STORY

Through a series of personal misfortunes, “James”, an African American in his late forties, found himself living on the land. Through the Community Shelter Board and their homeless provider network, “James” was referred in August 2012 to housing at Southpoint Place, a permanent supportive housing development on the Far South Side of Columbus. Over the last year, “James” was motivated to successfully complete both CHN’s Employment Readiness training and Goodwill’s Transitional Work Program and is currently employed in the Godman Guild’s Pathways to Work program.

CHN’s Employment Specialist worked with “James” to get him ready for employment. In addition to training resources, “James” was provided daily bus passes to help with transportation and received assistance with his uniforms. After employment training concluded, “James” continued to positively pursue employment opportunities utilizing resources provided by CHN and Goodwill.

After completing the Pathways to Work classes, “James” has successfully maintained employment working at the Reeb Ave. Café. He enjoys his work and continues to do a great job.

FUNDING

DEVELOPMENT

To pay the cost of building or renovating its projects, CHN has accessed a wide variety of private and public funding, including Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, HUD funding, and State, County, and City housing funds. Since its creation in 1987, CHN has become a successful, experienced developer and manager that owns over 1,200 units, including over 19 tax credit projects with almost 1,000 units. CHN’s success accessing tax credits has enabled it to leverage additional funding sources. For a comprehensive list of funders, see CHN’s 2014 Annual Report.

OPERATIONS

As a support to its residents to ensure no more than 30% of their income is used to pay rent, all of CHN’s housing units are rent subsidized. CHN access these funds through either the U.S. Department of Housing and Development (Section 202/811, SHP Operating, or HUD Section 8), ADAMH, or the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority’s Housing Choice Vouchers.

SERVICES

Finally, CHN and its service partners are funded by a combination of funds from the Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative, HUD, ADAMH, foundations, such as OCCH and Columbus Foundation, Medicaid and others. CHN’s goal with services is to leverage the strength of our partners so that our residents have access to the wide variety of services within our community. CHN believes that through these partnerships, the community can gain efficiencies and make our housing as cost effective as possible.

