



A New Home for Healing

*Joseph & Mary's Home
Medical Respite Campaign*





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I feel like a million weights
have been lifted off my
chest. After living in shelter
for several years, I now
have a place of my own.

— *Former resident*



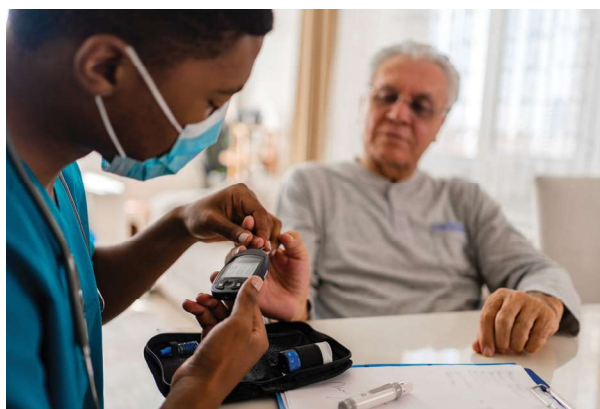


Since 2000, Joseph's Home has opened its doors to men with serious health conditions who had no place else to turn. In 2022, our ministry realized the dream to also serve women by opening Mary's Home and then becoming Joseph & Mary's Home.

We now have the opportunity to build a new future for Joseph & Mary's Home to fully meet the needs of the adults we serve with dignity and high-quality care. The campaign will renovate and relocate Joseph's Home for men to a new space that will be 100% handicapped accessible. And, we will ensure we are meeting these needs long into the future through sustaining support.

As our population ages and the number of unhoused seniors is projected to triple by 2030, the need is greater than ever.

The relocation and renovation will make us a stronger organization with modern men's and women's medical respite facilities located side-by-side in one building with 24/7/365 staff, private rooms, a clinical and behavioral health support team, and a network of partners dedicated to ending homelessness one person at a time for many years to come.



Joseph & Mary's Home

BACK TO HEALTH, FORWARD TO HOUSING

A referral to Joseph & Mary's Home can be a lifeline. Without a safe place to rest and heal, adults experiencing homelessness can find themselves stuck in a spiraling cycle of instability — moving from the streets to emergency departments and back.

Joseph & Mary's Home uses a team-based approach to ensure that medically-fragile adults experiencing homelessness become holistically healthier. Founded in 2000 by the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, the ministry has offered hundreds of men and women with an acute medical condition the opportunity for a second chance at health, wellness and independence.

Holistic Health Approach

In a typical year, our outcomes include:



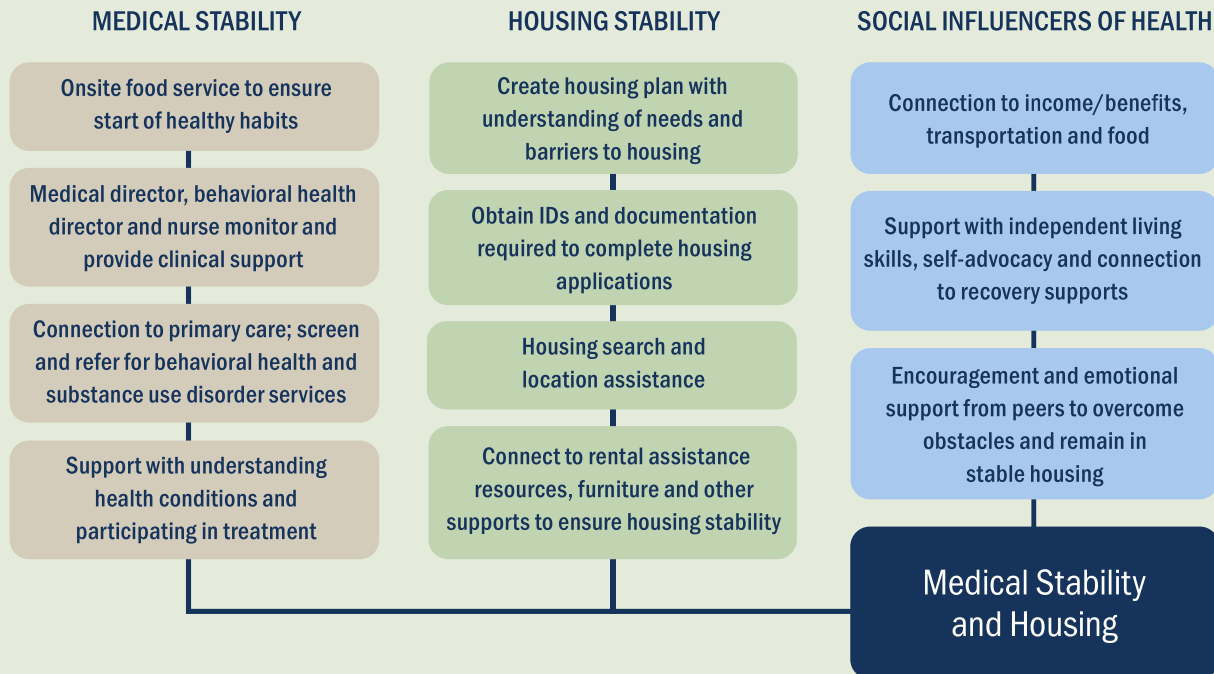
140⁺
adults served

70%
*medically stable
upon discharge*

67%
*move forward to safe
and stable housing*

90%
*of alumni exited to
and have remained
in a stable setting*

Integrated, Team-Based Care



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I’m getting rest. Getting back to my normal self. I have a surgery coming up and I am going to all my doctor appointments.

— Current resident

The Need:

A SAFE PLACE TO HEAL FOR MEN WHO'VE FACED A SERIES OF CLOSED DOORS

Joseph's Home was founded with the specific goal to serve men experiencing homelessness who are the most vulnerable members of our community – those with acute and chronic illnesses whose referral was a matter of life or death.

For more than two decades, we have been serving men in our current facility: a three-story, former convent with 11 private rooms, medical clinic, laundry, dining and living space, office and meeting space. From the very beginning, men have benefited from single bedrooms, which offer privacy and a place where they can lock and safely store their belongings and medical equipment.

The building has served hundreds of men, providing a supportive space to heal and hope, but has limitations since it is not fully handicap accessible and lacks private bathroom facilities, a significant challenge during the pandemic. Originally built in the 1940s, the building, even with an upgrade, would not be able to fully meet the needs of the men referred to Joseph's Home who may be hearing or vision impaired or who use wheelchairs, walkers and rollators.

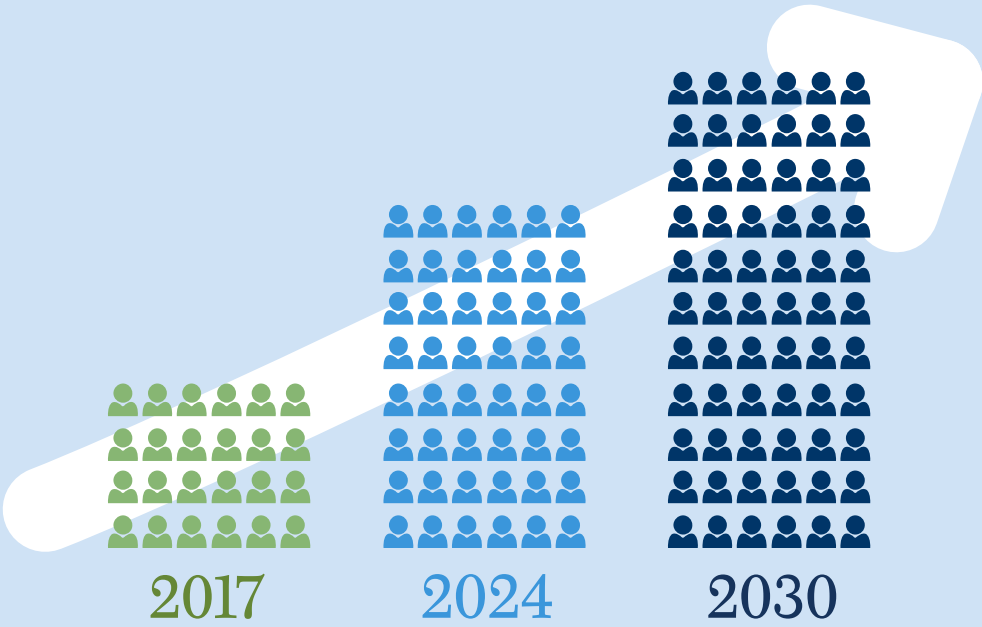
There is no other organization in Northeast Ohio that provides medical respite for adults discharged from the hospital who are too sick or vulnerable to stay in a traditional shelter or on the streets. There is an urgent need to renovate a new space for Joseph's Home to accommodate men with disabilities who would benefit from a single-story building.

Medical Respite Care for an Aging Population

Recent national studies are confirming the need and shift in demographics that we see first-hand at Joseph & Mary's Home. In Cuyahoga County and across the country, the number of people experiencing homelessness who are over the age of 55 is growing fast. It is the fastest growing age group experiencing homelessness in Cuyahoga County, and a 2019 study by the University of Pennsylvania projects the number of seniors experiencing homelessness will triple by 2030.

In addition, the toll of housing instability can age people by 20 years. A 55-year-old adult may experience geriatric medical conditions such as cognitive decline and decreased mobility at rates compared to a 75 year-old housed adult. These are many of the men and women we serve at Joseph & Mary's Home.

The number of unhoused seniors is projected to triple by 2030



In 2023:

61%

*of those we served
were over 55*

97%

*had at least
one chronic
health condition*

90%

*had a physical
disability*

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A chance to
press a reset
button.

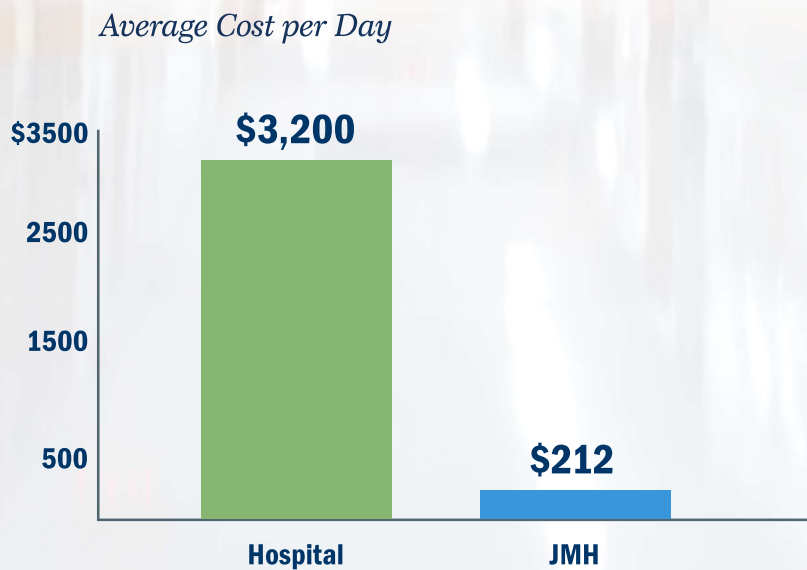
— Former resident

Hospital Cost Savings

When someone is hospitalized and has nowhere to rest, recuperate or properly take their medication, they stay in the hospital an average of four days longer (at an average cost of \$3,200 per day) and are much more likely to need re-admittance after being discharged. Medical respite provides care that is both compassionate and an effective use of fiscal resources.

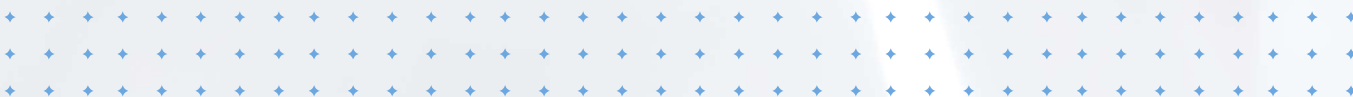
We restore residents' physical strength, emotional strength and most importantly, their sense of hope.

Hospital stay compared to Joseph & Mary's Home



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“The data shows our homeless population is aging and has greater physical needs. The new Joseph’s Home will go a long way for better, more private, more accessible spaces that will help people recover and achieve permanent housing.”

— *Michael Sering, Vice President of Housing & Shelter, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry*

“Joseph & Mary’s Home meets a true need for men and women experiencing homelessness who are forced to deal with their serious medical condition on the street or in a shelter. They receive housing, medical care and a high level of caring. It is not only the skin infections that heal or the diabetes control that improves, but the spirit of our clients is lifted.”

— *Dr. Michael Seidman, Medical Director, Joseph & Mary’s Home*

For more information, and to support “A New Home for Healing” Campaign,
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A Legacy of Healing

The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSAs) have a 170-year history of providing faith-based, mission-driven health and human service ministries in Cleveland. The CSAs, in 2000, in their spirit of extending the healing ministry of their faith through innovative programs, created Joseph's Home to address the complex needs of this vulnerable population. To ensure the future of this mission, the Sister Joan Gallagher Endowment Fund was established to provide annual income to continue the CSAs work. In 2022, our ministry realized the dream to also serve women by opening Mary's Home and then becoming Joseph & Mary's Home.

Mission: *Joseph & Mary's Home, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System, provides a nurturing, caring environment for adults without resources who have acute medical needs, helping them heal and achieve independence.*



JOSEPH & MARY'S HOME

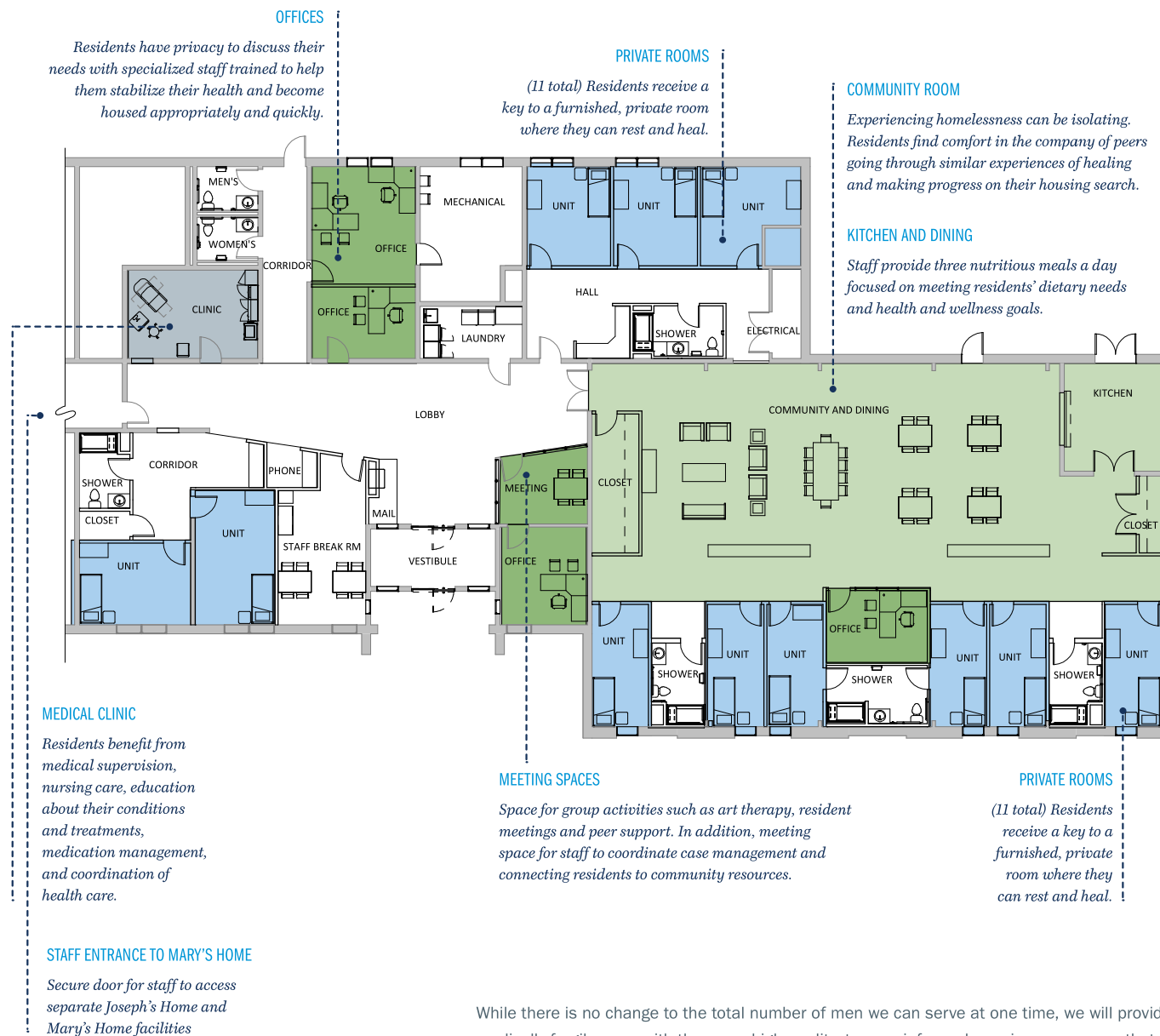
A Ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System

Joseph's Home: A New, 100% Accessible Facility for Men to Get Back to Health and Forward to Housing

At the new, renovated 9,600-square-foot space for Joseph's Home, men will benefit from private, furnished rooms; wide hallways; private, accessible bathrooms; and a single-floor facility without stairs or elevators that will offer ease of movement for adults who use mobility aids such as wheelchairs, walkers and rollators.

Renovation will involve the following components:

- Reconfiguring spaces into furnished residential suites
- Adding kitchen, dining and restroom facilities
- Replacing windows original to 1966 construction and adding new windows so that each resident room has natural light
- Replacing the HVAC system
- Installing fire sprinklers throughout
- Painting, new lighting and new flooring
- Building and equipping the medical clinic
- Building, furnishing and equipping office and meeting spaces
- Enhancing security, including security cameras, staff ID card access for the door connecting Joseph's Home and Mary's Home facilities
- Adding wayfinding and directional signage on Community College Avenue



While there is no change to the total number of men we can serve at one time, we will provide medically-fragile men with the same high-quality, trauma-informed care in a new space that is better designed to meet their needs with dignity. Thanks to being able to continue operations in the existing Joseph's Home building, there will be no disruptions or interruptions to our care.