

How Can I help?

Bethel House is dependent upon funding and volunteers for building maintenance, special projects, and the purchase of an additional building so that we can provide more housing to people in need.

Bethel House, Inc. is primarily operated by volunteers and relies upon donations of time, money, goods, and services. :

We encourage volunteers from service organizations to support and assist Bethel House residents with practical and emotional needs.

You can also help by pledging a tax-deductible monthly or one-time financial gift. Donations of food, apartment furnishings, and clothing are also welcome. If you have skills such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, or other related experience, you may donate your time and talents toward the upkeep of our facility.

Your donations and grants are what Bethel House, Inc. depends upon to provide this much-needed, special-requirement housing to people living with HIV/AIDS. With your contributions, Bethel House, Inc. can actively move forward by acquiring and operating additional HIV/AIDS housing facilities.



I Believe in Bethel House!

I would like to contribute

\$ _____

- Monthly Support
- One-time gift

My check, made payable to Bethel House, Inc., is enclosed

I would like to volunteer for:

- Certified home healthcare
- Transportation
- Cultural events
- Meal preparation
- Shopping/ errands
- Grief counseling
- Care team
- Fund raising

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Bethel House, Inc., provides low-cost, supportive living environments for people disabled with HIV/AIDS.

We endeavor to provide an environment conducive to a path of healing and recovery for all.



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What is Bethel House?



In January, 1998, a humanitarian program called Bethel House, Inc., was formed to

provide housing at a reduced rate for people disabled with HIV and AIDS in the Denver Metro Area. We are non-discriminatory and open to all people.

We function as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization under the supervision of a Board of Directors.

Recognizing the significant need for intermediate housing, we are committed to overseeing suitable homes for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWAs) who are caught in the middle – those who are incapable of full-time employment, but who do not yet require the services of assisted living or hospice.

The availability of decent, affordable housing, particularly those that operates with an open-door policy, is severely limited in the metropolitan area. We believe Bethel's residences help reduce the homeless HIV/AIDS population and reduce the drain on public resources.

Bethel House, Inc. currently operates a 12 unit apartment building in central Denver called Pieta House. Pieta House underwent a major renovation in 1999 and upgraded all units to be more suitable to the needs of the chronically ill or disabled

Why establish AIDS Residences?

Bethel House, Inc. has witnessed a significant increase in demand in our community for low-cost housing for PLWAs who might otherwise be homeless.

The good news is that Americans living with HIV/AIDS are living longer and, in general, can look forward to better health than in the past, thanks to costly new drug therapies. But as life expectancies increase, they are still battling for their lives and face a dramatic shortage in affordable housing, especially housing with supportive services. In short, without local intervention, today's healthier HIV/AIDS patients could become tomorrow's homeless.

For the more than 7,600 persons living with HIV/AIDS in the Denver metropolitan area as of December 2006, housing consistently ranks among the top needs expressed in surveys and needs assessments. The Mayor's Office of HIV Resources and the Denver HIV Resources Planning Council have identified housing as one of the most pressing, unmet needs. More than 20% of persons surveyed indicated difficulty in finding housing, paying for it once found, or feeling secure in their housing.

"We know that for many people living with HIV/AIDS adequate housing can mean the difference between life and death. People with AIDS who lose their housing often die within six months." Henry Cisneros, Housing and Urban Development Secretary for the City of Denver"

"We must educate people that AIDS is not over... More resources must be committed to organizations that are serving the multiple needs of this population." Betsy Lieberman, Executive Director of AIDS Housing of Washington.

What do we do?

Bethel House apartments are designed primarily for PLWAs who are considered disabled but largely capable of caring for themselves.

Certified healthcare professionals are available through various community resources for our residents, but Bethel does not provide these services and should not be considered a healthcare facility. We do not assume any medical responsibility for our residents.

Clients pay 30% of their income for rent. In 2007, more than 90% of our clients paid less than half of the fair market value for their apartment home.

Residents are provided a food bank, laundry facilities, paid heat and community involvement. The environment also offers the opportunity of friendship and emotional support.

Bethel House, Inc. provides planned events for their residents which includes; holiday dinners, barbeques, and a community environment which helps foster residents' emotional and physical well-being.

