



Project Snapshot

Mercy Housing Lakefront is an owner, developer, manager and services provider of affordable housing for vulnerable populations in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Properties Housing Vulnerable Elders

- Belray
- Carlton
- Delmar
- Englewood
- Harold Washington
- Holland
- Johnston Center
- Major Jenkins
- Malden Arms
- Miriam
- Schiff
- South Loop
- St. Catherine
- Wentworth

Service Approach:

Mercy Housing Lakefront (MHL) offers comprehensive services tailored to various vulnerable populations within the Mercy Housing portfolio. MHL is in the process of developing a formal strategy to address aging in place through property management practices and enhancing the current services offered to tenants.

Mercy Housing Lakefront has 28 years of experience providing supportive housing to vulnerable populations and currently provides supportive housing in 32 properties to over 4,000 individuals, including seniors and vulnerable elders. There are fourteen properties in MHL's portfolio that currently house a significant number of vulnerable elders.

Over 40% of the supportive housing residents at MHL are over 55 years and are beginning to experience functional limitations. Most of MHL's older residents prefer to spend the remainder of their lives in their current homes, and require supports to age in place.

To strategically accommodate aging in place now and in the long term, MHL is developing a formal aging-in-place strategy, which includes renovations to existing supportive housing properties and creating an independent senior living and services program within the supportive housing environments. The intent is to create a senior independent living environment for residents who have reached the age of 55 years, or 52 years if they exhibit life/living conditions which mimic an older population. The strategy will have:

- **Facilities Commitments:** separate dedicated living areas; an elevator accessible floor; or if an elevator is not available placement on the ground level, for example
- **Services Commitments:** design a wide ranging set of senior services within and, where determined to be necessary, we will provide the appropriate linkages (pathways) for the resident to move out as more severe life changes occur



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