

Archdale Apartments, Minneapolis, MN

Stable housing for formerly homeless youth



Archdale Apartments provides 26 efficiencies for youth and four one-bedroom apartments for young single parents. The building is located close to downtown Minneapolis and provides services onsite.

Owner/ Sponsor: Aeon

Developer: Aeon

Property Management: Aeon

Service Provider: YouthLink

Tenant Profile: Units are actively marketed to homeless youth ages 16 - 21. Some youth experienced homelessness because their families were unwilling or unable to provide for them, others lived on the streets to escape abuse or a family member's drug or alcohol use.

Service Approach: Twenty-four hour staffing establishes a supportive and nurturing environment. Services focus on preparation for independent living, and help with setting and achieving educational, employment, and self-sufficiency goals.

Key Features and Innovations:

- The building opened in 1996 as one of the first facilities of its kind in the country to target homeless youth ages 16 - 21.
- In 2008, the building underwent a \$1 million rehabilitation to improve operational efficiency and long-term sustainability.
- A committee of interior designers from the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers selected all of the finishes and furniture for the common spaces, making the space welcoming and home-like for youth residents.
- Archdale Apartments has received a Metropolitan Life Foundation National Excellence in Affordable Housing award (1999) and a Fannie Mae Maxwell Award for Excellence (Honorable Mention - 1997).

Financing

Capital (2nd rehabilitation in 2008)

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency <i>(Preservation Affordable Rental Investment Fund)</i>	\$810,000
Archdale Property Reserves	\$300,000
Hennepin County <i>(Environmental Response Fund)</i>	\$ 50,000
Turner Foundation	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	\$1,165,000

Operating

Project-Based Section 8 Vouchers	All Units
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Services

HUD Supportive Housing Program	All Units
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* In-kind donations were also provided by the Valspar Corporation (paint) and the American Society for Interior Designers (for various furniture and color selections).

About Aeon (www.aeonmn.org)

Aeon's mission is to create and sustain quality affordable homes that strengthen lives and communities. Aeon is a nonprofit developer, owner, and manager of high-quality affordable homes in the Minneapolis/St.Paul metropolitan area. Established in 1986, Aeon has built or renovated 1,705 units of affordable homes which provide stability to more than 3,000 people each year – including individuals and families with low to moderate incomes and formerly homeless individuals. The organization's inspiration to create community assets that last for generations stems from its name "Aeon," which means "forever." Its vision is that every person has a home and is interconnected within community.

About YouthLink (www.youthlinkmn.org)

YouthLink is one of the largest and most experienced nonprofit youth service providers in the Twin Cities, and specializes in the multiple needs of homeless and precariously housed youth (14-21). Street outreach, emergency crisis assistance, basic needs support, case management, housing support services, education, career/life transition planning, health, and wellness are key areas of the agency's focus. At YouthLink, a broad continuum of services—a virtual multi-service center—is available to youth all under one roof. Services address each young person's needs using a positive youth development approach. Staff guide, encourage and advise youth toward self-sufficiency, self-empowerment and healthy connectedness.

About CSH

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is a national non-profit organization and community development financial institution that helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness. Founded in 1991, CSH advances its mission by providing advocacy, expertise, leadership, and financial resources to make it easier to create and operate supportive housing. CSH seeks to help create an expanded supply of supportive housing for people, including single adults, families with children, and young adults, who have extremely low-incomes, who have disabling conditions, and/or face other significant challenges that place them at on-going risk of homelessness. For more information about CSH, please visit www.csh.org.



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