

# St. Barnabas Apartments



## St. Barnabas Apartments Minneapolis, MN

St. Barnabas Apartments opened in April 2005 and provides 39 efficiencies for homeless and at-risk youth and 13 efficiencies for low-income working adults. The convenient downtown Minneapolis location is near employment opportunities and public transit lines.

The building, originally built as an addition to St. Barnabas Hospital, had stood vacant for decades, when Allina Hospitals and Clinics donated it to Central Community Housing Trust (CCHT) in 2001. CCHT preserved the distinctive red brick exterior of the building and rebuilt the interior, creating a new building in a historic "skin."

## CSH's Role in the Project

Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) offered to provide Central Community Housing Trust (CCHT) with pre-development financing, in case such funds were needed to aid the initial stage of the building's re-development. The pre-development funds were eventually covered by CCHT's investors, however CSH has continued to provide critical support and advocacy to ensure the project's viability.

## The Program

YouthLink's St. Barnabas Youth Housing Services are specifically designed to meet the needs of homeless or precariously housed youth. YouthLink is the sole onsite service provider offering 24 hour desk coverage and case management services. To be eligible for the program youth must be age 16 – 21 at intake, with continued eligibility for services through age 24 while in residency.

YouthLink recognizes that for many homeless youth the severed support system traditionally provided by family is a significant barrier to housing and educational success. With this in mind, youth served by St. Barnabas Youth Housing services receive intense individualized attention from program case managers focusing on: employment, housing, education, and independent living skills.

St. Barnabas services are linked with the broader YouthLink resources and partnerships to provide expertise in working with youth dealing with trauma and other mental health issues. The housing program has created a culture and community that openly promotes positive attitudes towards mental health. A meditation room has been developed for quiet independent reflection for youth. St. Barnabas services are currently being enhanced to include formalized mental health treatment plans incorporated into ongoing case management services.

## Financing

### Capital

Public Funds	\$5,806,091
Private Funds	2,261,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,067,591</b>

### Operating

Project Based Section 8 (39 units)

### Services (on-going)

Hennepin Co. Supportive Housing Initiative Funds	\$100,000
Target Foundation	\$69,5000
In-Kind (Hennepin County)	\$10,000
Other grants/donations	\$53,000

### **About YouthLink (Service Provider)**

YouthLink empowers youth to shape their futures by providing safe, supportive, respectful and responsive community excellence. YouthLink is the place where the end of homelessness and poverty begin. YouthLink creates meaningful relationships with youth and the community so that doors of opportunity are opened to a future of empowerment and self-sufficiency. YouthLink achieves their mission through five core programs: Project OffStreets, NewPath Partners, Educational Resources, the Health and Wellness Clinic, the Youth Housing Program. Please visit [www.youthlinkmn.org](http://www.youthlinkmn.org) for more information.

### **About Central Community Housing Trust (Owner, Developer)**

St. Barnabas Apartments is a development of Central Community Housing Trust (CCHT), an award-winning nonprofit developer of high-quality apartments and town homes for the Twin Cities Metro Area. CCHT provides homes for more than 2,000 people annually. Since 1986, CCHT has built and renovated 1,252 units of housing. Its mission is to create and sustain quality affordable housing that strengthens lives and communities. For more information about CCHT developments and programs, please visit [www.ccht.org](http://www.ccht.org).

### **About Property Solutions Services (Property Manager)**

Property Solution Services (PPS) contracts with CCHT to provide property management services at St. Barnabas Apartments, Archdale Apartments and a scattered site youth housing program. PPS has staff located onsite, as well as an emergency maintenance service for evenings and weekends. PPS staff meet with case managers and tenants to resolve rental issues that may arise.

### **About CSH**

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is a national, nonprofit organization that helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness. CSH advances its mission by providing high-quality advice and development expertise, by making loans and grants to supportive housing sponsors, by strengthening the supportive housing industry, and by reforming public policy to make it easier to create and operate supportive housing. CSH delivers its core services primarily through eight geographic hubs: California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and Southern New England (Connecticut, Rhode Island). CSH also operates targeted initiatives in Kentucky, Maine, Oregon, and Washington, and provides limited assistance to many other communities.



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