CSH and Booth Brown House Services

In Minnesota, CSH introduced the Foyer model to the Salvation Army and contributed technical assistance and a grant to the Booth Brown project. CSH helped the Salvation Army put together a development team to turn unused space in an existing building into 10 units of foyer housing, the nation’s first.

Booth Brown House Services
Minneapolis, MN

Based on the Foyer model, Booth Brown House Services opened its doors in 2003 to provide housing, support and employment training to young people aged between 16-21 years. Comprised of 10 efficiency apartments complete with kitchenette and bath, the goal of Booth Brown is to provide an affordable living arrangement which fosters independence, self-sufficiency, self-esteem and employment opportunities, so that when young people move on, they will have the skills to sustain independence.

Tenants sign a month-to-month lease and are responsible for paying 30% of their gross income in rent. Tenants work with their case manager to fulfill the program requirements: 1.) upholding the responsibilities of the lease, 2.) abiding by house rules, and 3.) making progress on their independent living plans. There are no time limits on the program.

A primary characteristic of the foyer model is to integrate youth who are considered to be low, medium, and high functioning and who need a range of support, from minimal to intensive services. Experience has shown that youth and young adults in such an integrated setting can positively affect each other's healthy growth and development.

Financing

The Salvation Army received private funding from an anonymous donor that has covered the full cost of building renovation, with a significant amount remaining to cover the cost of operating the project for two years. While there is a possibility that the donor may continue supporting the project beyond this generous investment, the Salvation Army has been exploring funding sources to pick up operating and service costs for year three and beyond. Potential sources include Section 8 vouchers, and private foundations, including United Way. While 100% private financing to date has meant that Booth Brown has had to deal with few funder-imposed restrictions, its potential reliance on public sources of funding has made it critical for the Salvation Army to be aware of the requirements of these sources should they need to turn to them in the future.
About The Salvation Army – Minnesota and South Dakota

The Salvation Army serves as the building’s owner, developer, primary service provider, and property manager. Since 1866, The Salvation Army has been providing social and spiritual services to communities throughout Minnesota and North Dakota.

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To date, The Corporation for Supportive Housing has provided $100,000.00 in project initiation loans to the Minnesota Salvation Army for the purpose of pre-development costs related to the new construction of a 30 unit supportive housing project targeted to homeless and low-income individuals. An additional $1,320.00 in grants has been provided for staff training, including training in designing and implementing employment programs and for staff to attend the National AIDS Conference.

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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