

Robin's Nest – Glassboro, N.J. Single-Site Permanent Housing for Young Adults



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Opened in October 2006, Robin's Nest is single-site permanent housing for young adults, providing 30 efficiency apartments.

Owner/Sponsor: Robin's Nest

Developer: Robin's Nest

Property Management: Conifer Realty

Service Provider: Robin's Nest

Tenant Profile: Young adults (between ages of 18 to 21 at time of entry) who have aged out of foster care system or are otherwise homeless.

Service Approach: All services are voluntary. There is a strong emphasis on supporting autonomy, independence and responsible behavior in a non-intrusive way.

Key Features and Innovations:

- Intensive assessment and evaluation
- Focus on identifying family, family friends, community and peer support as resources for participants.
- "Double-wing" design, each wing with five self-contained efficiency apartments with private baths.
 Wings are separated by a shared porch and by a one-bedroom apartment for a live-in manager.
- Services include life skills development, educational and vocational development, effort to meet physical and mental health needs of residents, mental health and substance use counseling and treatment referrals, Resident's Advisory Board, intensive intervention to prevent premature discharge, funding assistance with bus passes, work clothes, photo IDs, driving lessons, etc.

Financing Information

Capital

4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits	\$2,406,311
New Jersey Housing Mortgage and Finance Agency's Special Needs Trust Fund	\$4,320,200
Federal Home Bank of New York Loan	\$75,000
Columbia Bank Foundation	\$21,000
Department of Human Services Capital Bond Grant	\$75,000
Private Foundation	\$6,000
Total	\$7,163,511

Operating (Annual)

State Rental Assistance Program Vouchers \$5,268 per unit

Services (Annual) \$31,265 per resident

About Robin's Nest

Robin's Nest has extensive experience in providing both residential and independent living services to youth. Since 1969, the agency has provided group home care for adolescent girls with emotional and behavioral problems. In 1980, the agency incorporated a transitional living component into the residential program for residents without familial support, in which they could learn independent living skills while receiving intensive therapeutic care. In 1992, the agency opened On My Own, which provides aftercare services for young adults aging out of foster care.

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