

**The Ministry of Caring, Inc.
House of Joseph II
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Licensed Group Home Facility for Men and Women with Advanced Stages of AIDS

MISSION STATEMENT:

House of Joseph II is a residence designed to meet the needs of homeless/chronically homeless men and women living in the advanced stages of AIDS. Residents will be accepted and treated with love and respect in response to their physical, psycho-social, nutritional, medical, recreational and spiritual needs. Within this structured and caring environment, the residents will be encouraged and supported to live as fully and independently as possible.

House of Joseph II provides a supportive setting where the primary focus will enable the residents to live life to the fullest within a tradition that respects the dignity and worth of each individual.

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

Men and women accepted into House of Joseph II must be at least eighteen years of age, diagnosed in the advanced stages of AIDS (have a CD 4 blood count of 200 or less) with one or more opportunistic infections and have no other housing alternatives.

House of Joseph II is a group home for men and women with AIDS and is not a detoxification or rehabilitation center. Applicants accepted for admission, but having respiratory diseases requiring isolation, will not be immediately admitted.

When the applicant's attending physician or House of Joseph II's medical coordinator confirms in writing that he/she is medically safe for a group home setting and space is available he/she will be admitted. No one shall be admitted with any untreated infections.

Applicants with a psychiatric disorder, recovery from substance abuse or episodes of wandering will be considered on an individual basis.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Permanent Housing:

House of Joseph II is a residence designed to meet the needs of homeless men and women living in the advanced stages of AIDS.

Medical Services:

Are provided through a contract arrangement with St. Francis hospital. This contract provides for:

1. A medical coordinator who will provide oversight of all medical services and who will serve as attending physician for those residents who lack a physician;
2. Consulting services of a nutritionist, upon request.
3. Medications will be self-administered in the Nurses Stations.
If a resident is unable to administer his/her own medications, or if his/her level of care necessitates the presence of a licensed RN on site, appropriate arrangements will be made.
4. The purchase of medications is the responsibility of the resident. All prescribed medications are purchased through an outpatient pharmacy. The staff assists the residents with the purchasing of medications through the resident's prescription plan, including Medicare or other applicable insurance.

Physician Services:

All residents are seen by a physician at least every thirty days, unless otherwise documented by the physician.

Nursing Services:

All residents admitted to House of Joseph II receive an individual care plan developed by Registered Nurse employed by the Ministry of Caring. The care plan is completed within seven days of admission and reviewed at least every sixty-two days by the registered nurse.

Certified Nurse Assistant/Direct Care Provider

Are employed directly by the Ministry of Caring and are the full time staff of House of Joseph II. There is a minimum of two certified nurse assistants on duty at all times.

Rehabilitative Services

House of Joseph II facilitates the administration of rehabilitative services to each resident as ordered by his/her physician. Such services are either provided in-house by an outside agency, or arrangements are made to transport a resident to a facility providing these services.

Food and Nutrition:

Residents are provided with three nutritionally balanced meals per day.

A comprehensive nutritional assessment is completed, when ordered by a physician, on each resident upon admission and reassessed routinely on a monthly basis as needed.

Housekeeping Services

All rooms and every part of House of Joseph II are kept clean, orderly and free of offensive odors.

Social Services.

Each resident receives the services of a case manager on site, employed by The Ministry of Caring. The case manager develops a comprehensive and individualized service plan, which will provide for ongoing needs assessment. The case manager also coordinates resident referrals to outside agencies as needed.

Recreational/Social Activities:

House of Joseph II provides opportunities for social activities both in-house and in the community.

House of Joseph II provides residents with therapeutic massage by a certified massage therapist, as requested.

Infection Control

House of Joseph II has an Infection Prevention and Control Program inclusive of Infectious Disease and Waste Removal in compliance with OSHA.

Program Fee

There is a fee of five hundred thirty dollars a month. If a resident is not able to pay the full amount, we will work on a sliding scale. If a resident receives over one thousand dollars the fee is 64% of the amount he/she receives.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Request for an application is made to the Program Director. In some cases, the Program Director will visit with the applicant. If the Program Director determines the applicant is appropriate, and Application for Admission will be completed by both the applicant, case/social worker and Doctor. The Doctor must complete all the items in the medical section, including TB Screening (PPD), and must also certify in writing that the applicant is free of active TB. Therefore, a Chest X-Ray, taken within 3 months is MANDATORY. Once the medical part is complete and the physician returns the medical part, it must be attached to the Application and present both documents to the Director of House of Joseph II.

The Administrative Team (Director, RN and Case Manager) along with the House of Joseph II's medical coordinator review the information and confirm in writing that he/she is medically safe for a group home setting.

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