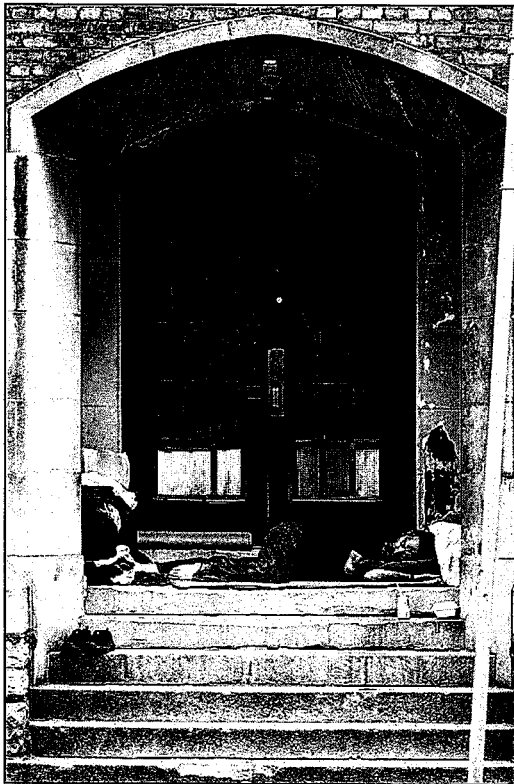


DOORWAYS is the only organization in the St. Louis area whose sole mission is to provide housing and related supportive services to improve the quality of life and health outcomes for people affected by HIV/AIDS.



About HIV/AIDS and Housing

THE NEED

People living with HIV/AIDS face profound financial, physical and spiritual challenges. They often lose their jobs, their health insurance and even their homes. Homeless people living with HIV/AIDS have no place to rest, obtain proper meals and fresh water, or to keep their medicines. As a result, some physicians refuse to prescribe complicated medication regimens, dooming the homeless to even more rapid progression of the disease.

HIV/AIDS AND HOMELESSNESS IN THE U.S.

- **1.1 MILLION:** The number of persons currently living with HIV in the United States, with 56,000 newly infected each year.
- **Less than 60,000:** The number of households currently served by the federal Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program.
- **500,000:** The number of Americans living with HIV who will need some form of housing assistance during the course of their lives.
- **More than 140,000:** The number of households with HIV in the U.S. that currently lack stable housing and have an unmet need for housing assistance.

HIV/AIDS AND HOMELESSNESS IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA

- In 2014 in the St. Louis region, which includes the city and six Missouri counties, 5,777 people were living with HIV/AIDS
- African Americans, who comprise 19% of the population of the St. Louis region, accounted for 55% of those living with HIV/AIDS
- 54% of all new HIV/AIDS infections in the St. Louis area occur in persons less than 25 years old

THE RESPONSE

In 1988, St. Louis area religious and community leaders, seeking a compassionate response to those suffering financial, health and housing crises as a result of living with HIV/AIDS, founded DOORWAYS. DOORWAYS, from its beginning, addressed the growing need for housing for people living with HIV/AIDS, especially the very poor and medically underserved.

THE MISSION OF DOORWAYS

DOORWAYS is an interfaith nonprofit organization that provides housing and related supportive services to improve quality of life and health outcomes for people affected by HIV/AIDS.

THE PROGRAMS OF DOORWAYS

DOORWAYS programs allow persons affected by HIV/AIDS to focus on treating their illness, rather than on homelessness, hunger and looming financial crises.

- ◇ **Cooper House** provides 36 beds for St. Louis residents whose HIV-related illnesses require 24-hour healthcare. This facility is the only one of its kind in the region and one of only a few in the nation. In spite of the clients' poor health upon arrival at Cooper House, 70% become well enough to move to independent housing.
- ◇ **The Own Home Program** provides more than \$1 million a year in rent, mortgage and utility subsidies for individuals and families who are able to remain in their own homes but cannot afford basic expenses. This program serves more than 700 people each year in St. Louis City and six surrounding counties. The Own Home Program develops cooperative property managers, maintains lists of available rental units and provides placement assistance and outreach to HIV-affected individuals and their families. DOORWAYS manages 95% of the specifically HIV-dedicated beds in the St. Louis metropolitan



area, and works closely with HUD, Shelter Plus Care, the St. Louis Housing Authority and other area agencies to gain housing for people affected by HIV/AIDS that is funded from non-AIDS specific sources.

- ◇ Through partnerships with local organizations, the **Outstate Program** provides housing and housing assistance for people affected by HIV/AIDS in 62 rural and resource-poor Missouri counties and 55 similar counties in Illinois.
- ◇ **The Residential Program** provides 103 subsidized apartments with supportive services for low income individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS who are capable of independent living but whose financial and health issues limit their ability to pay market-rate rents. The program has seven buildings, of which five were developed and built by DOORWAYS. All are located throughout the city of St. Louis. Two buildings, *Mama Nyumba* (Swahili for "my mother's house") and *Kaya Malaika* (Swahili for "village of little angels") offer apartments and services designed specifically for the needs of single parents with children, including an on-site Learning Center. One of the more recent develop-

ments, Partridge Place, is located in the 27th Ward, an area of the City with a higher incidence of new HIV infections than the City as a whole. The staff at DOORWAYS work with local social service providers and AIDS care specialists to ensure that residents have access to effective medical treatment and other essential assistance.

FUNDING

DOORWAYS programs are funded by a variety of sources, including government funds, grants and individual donations. Eighty-five percent of DOORWAYS' funding comes from government and competitive public funds, 15% comes from individuals, corporations, foundations and faith communities. The Own Home program is funded by HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS), the Ryan White Care Act, MHDC (Missouri Housing Development Commission), and the HUD Section 8 Program. The Residential Program receives its funding from HUD 811, which provides 60% to 80% of the funding to build and operate the buildings.

