



Rebuilding older lives by restoring independence. One life at a time.

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NEWSLETTER

VISION

Formerly homeless seniors will obtain and sustain safe, appropriate housing.

MISSION

Renewal House provides transitional housing, case management, counseling and life skills enhancement to older men and women who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless so they may be empowered to restore their lives.

GOALS

To transition displaced seniors to independent living in safe, legal, affordable housing and to support them, as needed in maintaining independence.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Empowerment • Respect • Resiliency • Client Self Advocacy & Self Determination

At this time of great uncertainty, we hope that you and those you hold most dear are safe, healthy and supported.

Your support has not only impacted the clients we serve, it has also changed the lives of families—families from whom residents have sometimes been estranged.

“Having Dad back in my life...seeing him with my kids has helped me to heal and forgive and we wouldn’t have gotten here without Renewal House.”

Beyond the usual challenges Renewal House residents face in healing from the trauma of homelessness, COVID has tested all of us. Yet within it, we have also found strength. And we have learned that working together, creating community, and looking out for each other eases the stress and creates opportunities to grow.

Residents developed a plan to safely manage activities outside the house—jobs, medical appointments, grocery shopping, family connections. They also implemented enhanced cleaning procedures within the house. New commitments to keep each other safe.

Staff used technology platforms to deliver case management and counseling services during stay-at-home orders. Doing so enabled the continuous delivery of services, despite restrictions and increased community health risks, which we are now facing again.

Residents are now more comfortable using zoom and accessing health care via telemed models—technology skills that are critical in our changing world.

We all hope the pandemic ends soon. But we have learned new skills that will serve us well on the other side.

And we thank a Renewal House resident who reminded us of important words to guide us every day ...

May no kind word be left unspoken

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**“A life is not important except in the impact it has
on other lives.” - Jackie Robinson**

When food insecurity increased during the pandemic, Renewal House residents and graduates were well cared for by produce donations from the Giving Garden in Brookfield. Led by Renewal House supporter Donna Katsuranis, the Giving Garden is a volunteer organization that grows and donates thousands of pounds of fresh produce to area food pantries. Located at the Erikson Farm Open Space in Brookfield, the acreage is cultivated by individuals and organizations who care for the health and well-being of those who are struggling.



Brandon Azud, the youngest Giving Garden volunteer, harvested peppers and tomatoes for Renewal House.

Thank you to our friends at the Giving Garden!



The shrubbery in the front of Renewal House was screaming for attention!

Jared Zeiner arrived just in time to provide a much-needed trim.

Looking so much better!



Remember Renewal House's annual fundraising breakfast? Canceled by COVID in 2020!

If you missed being able to support this event, we would be grateful if you would consider making a donation at this time.

We hope to be able to see you in 2021!

Many donors choose to support Renewal House by end of year 401k distributions or by donations of stock. If you would like to do so this year, please contact Janice Wiggins, Executive Director, at renewalhouse622@gmail.com to learn how.

**You can make a secure online contribution conveniently at
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With your help, we will get through this!

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