

WHO SHOULD COME TO INTERFAITH HOUSE?

- Unattached men and women who are homeless and being discharged from the hospital needing a short term placement (four to six weeks) in order to complete their recovery from a physical illness or injury. **Interfaith House is not appropriate for patients requiring long term nursing home care.**
- Patients who can physically care for themselves (e.g. dress, bathe, self-ambulate, attend personal hygiene and take medication as prescribed), who no longer require bedside nursing care, can come to the dining room for meals, make their bed, and keep their living space neat. Interfaith House provides support to residents to complete their healing *but it is not a medical treatment facility.*
- Patients who are mentally stable. *Interfaith House is not a psychiatric treatment facility.*
- Patients who understand their care plan and can carry out the measures necessary to implement them with the help of Interfaith House staff, including compliance with medications and returning to their physicians for follow-up care.
- Patients who are able to live in a communal environment, share a bedroom with four or five roommates, share meals in a common dining room with 64 residents, participate in educational sessions and group meetings (including AA and NA if appropriate) and follow Interfaith House conditions of residency.
- Patients who will not use drugs or alcohol during their stay at Interfaith House.

**In order to provide the best possible service to residents, it is vital that all medical conditions and mental health history be shared with the Intake Administrator.*

SERVICES PROVIDED

ONE-TO-ONE CASE MANAGEMENT – Upon admission, each resident is assigned a case manager who offers guidance in obtaining financial assistance, housing opportunities, employment or employment training, and educational opportunities.

HEALTH SERVICES – Nearly 70 percent of our residents have no relationship to a primary care physician or ongoing health services when they arrive. To respond to this need we worked with Rush University College of Nursing, Heartland Health Outreach, and P.C.C. Community Wellness Center to open our Health Services Collaborative, offering a variety of vitally important health services in an on-site clinic staffed by physicians and nurse practitioners from partnering institutions. In addition, we offer transportation for follow-up medical visits if the resident is unable to self-transport and, residents are provided a safe place to store their medications.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – On-site Mental Health Case Managers assess incoming residents and make appropriate referrals to mental health services. Interfaith House offers substance abuse assessment, one-to-one support and additional programming to serve our clients who struggle with substance abuse.

HIV/AIDS – Interfaith House partners with local HIV/AIDS outreach services to provide confidential on-site testing and counseling; access to primary care, psychosocial support programs, and medications; supportive housing referrals; and weekly HIV/AIDS/STD education programs.

Making a Referral to Interfaith House

Please complete our Respite Intake Form and fax it to the Intake Administrator at 773.533.9034. Follow-up calls to our Intake Administrator should be made at 773-533-6013 ext.255. Intake hours are **Monday through Friday** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Referrals after business hours must be made through the **Chicago Department of Human Services.**

Interfaith House is an ADA accessible residential facility accepting homeless adults who need time and a safe, clean place to complete their recovery from an acute medical condition, although referrals who have an acute medical condition with a secondary mental illness or substance abuse history may be accepted.

RESIDENTS REFERRED TO INTERFAITH HOUSE MUST BE:

- Mentally alert and psychiatrically stable
- Able to participate in their own medical care plan
- Able to manage basic living skills without assistance
- Expected to recover in 30 days or less
- Living with an acute medical illness or injury
- Provided a 30 day supply of medications/medical supplies

REFERRING MEDICAL FACILITIES MUST:

- Transport each referral with 30 day supply of medication to Interfaith House by 3:00 p.m.
- Identify a primary care physician who will prepare and be responsible for the referral's comprehensive medical recovery plan.
- Obtain informed consent from the referral for all aspects of such medical care plan prior to transfer to Interfaith House.