

Program Philosophy

Volunteers of America–Minnesota Our HOME offers affordable housing with a continuum of services to homeless families living with a family member with a chronic disability. We assist residents in gaining new skills to improve their family stability and disability management. The goal is to improve their quality of life, the lives of those around them and not return to being homeless.

Offers

- Affordable housing
- Case coordination to develop skills to obtain and remain in permanent housing

To Qualify

1. Currently a homeless parent or parents with minor children
2. Be disabled or care for a disabled child
3. Capable of providing written verification of custody, disability and homeless status

“In looking back, I know I wouldn’t be where I am today without the help I received from Our HOME program. I am employable and can support my family and pay for my own housing.”

–Sara, former resident and mother of three

“The support I received while living in the Our HOME program gave me a new life and taught me how to connect with services necessary to take care of my family.”

–Paul, former resident and father of two

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The mission of Volunteers of America of Minnesota is to provide opportunities which will make a significant, lasting impact in the lives of our program participants, and to elicit community support for our program participants.

Volunteers of America–Minnesota is a nonprofit organization founded in 1896 which offers a wide variety of services for more than 27,000 children, adolescents and their families, older adults, students, persons with disabilities and special needs, and ex-offenders each year. We are one of the oldest, largest and most comprehensive human service organizations in the state and have more than 60 programs, 700 employees and 4,000 volunteers. We have a rich history of developing innovative programs to meet emerging social issues and pride ourselves on sponsoring programs which are able to explicitly articulate the outcomes achieved in our program participants’ lives.

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Our HOME

Permanent Supportive Housing



Building Hope for Youth and Families



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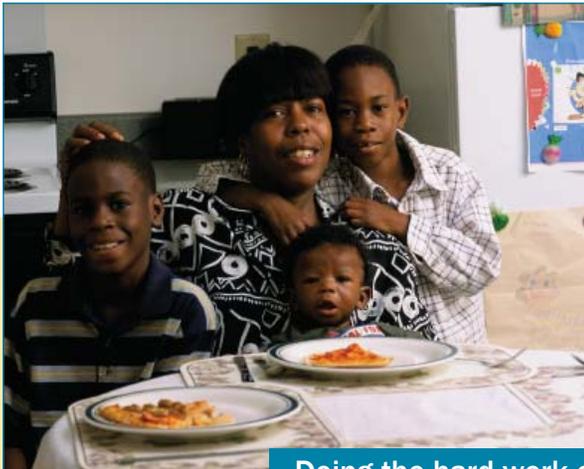
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Program

Our HOME focuses on stabilizing homeless families who have a family member with a chronic disability. Located in Central Rural Minnesota, Our HOME provides affordable housing with supportive case management. The capacity of Our HOME Permanent Supportive housing is eight households.

Case coordination works with individual members to create a Family Development Plan that is reviewed weekly. Family Development plans will address the underlying causes that contributed to becoming homeless and work to encourage behaviors that create stability.



Doing the hard work of learning new ways to relate to the world.

Services

- Assistance with employment, parenting/life skills, budgeting, debt reduction, organizational skills, housekeeping and home management.
- Coordinate Family Development Plans with County Family Services, Employment & Training, Special Education Cooperatives, Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Management.
- Advocacy with education, medical and mental health service providers, Jobs and Training, Social Security, Social Service, Child Protection and Probation Services.
- Weekly Family Development Plan meetings to create goals, address gaps, celebrate successes
- Community Outreach activities to facilitate social skills, volunteer experiences and pre-employment opportunities
- Transportation assistance for case planned activities
- Community life skill groups to learn new behaviors and practice new skills
- Housing placement assistance for relocation to permanent housing in community at large

Housing

- Residents will pay no more than 30% of their adjusted income
- Each household lives in their own unit and is responsible for unit care and upkeep
- Participants retain occupancy as long as they qualify for the program

Grounds for Eviction

- Non-compliance with program
- Incapable of living peacefully and respectfully
- Illegal activities

Outcomes

- **75% of residents retain housing for over 6 months**
- **90% of residents increase skills or income within one year of residency**
- **90% of residents achieved a significant goal each month in residency**

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