

# **Facts About Laurel Green Apartments**



## What are our plans?

Community Housing Network (CHN) plans to develop a new apartment building on vacant land at 6079 Northgate Road. The building will provide 39 one-bedroom units of housing for people disabled by mental illness and one resident manager's unit. The units will have a rent subsidy to limit the rent burden on the residents to 30% of their income. CHN will manage the property and coordinate with community providers for tenant services.

**Community Housing Network** is a nonprofit company that develops, owns, and manages supportive housing. CHN has been providing specialized property management services and rent subsidies to people with disabilities in the Columbus community since 1987. CHN has developed and manages more than 1,200 apartments, which are widely scattered throughout Franklin County in 28 zip codes and seven suburban communities in addition to Columbus. CHN works in partnership with community-based supportive service agencies to link residents to the services they need.

# What is supportive housing?

Supportive housing is quality, affordable, permanent housing linked to social, health and employment services. Residents hold their own leases and pay their own rents. Mobile ADAMH-funded community support workers will provide case management and behavioral health care support services to assist tenants with treatment, transportation, employment and crisis intervention. These supportive services enable residents to find work, maintain their recovery, and give back to the community. An on-site live-in resident manager will also provide additional monitoring and support to residents and the operation of the apartments. Success is measured by length of stay in housing and by increased income through employment.

## Is this a shelter or group transitional home?

No. The apartments will <u>not</u> be a group home, halfway house, treatment program, or a shelter. They offer permanent housing linked to a safety net of support and employment services that enable disabled persons to live independently.

# How will the building be managed?

Community Housing Network has been developing and managing supportive apartments rented to people with special needs for over 25 years. As a non-profit specifically committed to responsible and comprehensive property management, CHN's oversight of its apartments is far greater than most property management organizations. CHN has 24-hour on-call capacity and on-site presence at the majority of its buildings. Laurel Green will have a Live-In Resident Manager who will work up to 20 hours a week. In addition, CHN employs Housing Coordinators who facilitate and coordinate interaction among the tenants, ADAMH community support workers, the neighborhood, and the community to assist tenants in remaining stable and maintaining their housing.

## Will this housing change the safety of my neighborhood?

CHN carefully screens and selects tenant who can benefit from the supportive services and live successfully in the community. Like all citizens, tenants living in the building will have the same rights and responsibilities established by Fair Housing and Landlord-Tenant Laws. Tenants must be "good neighbors" and are subject to eviction for behavior that violates the terms of their leases. Tenants must pay rent, respect their neighbors and maintain their apartments just like other apartment tenants.

#### Why was this location chosen for supportive housing?

The property's location offers many services and amenities. Bus service connects the location to all parts of the City. The apartments are also within walking distance to convenience stores and restaurants. The area also offers access to a park, library, post office and other amenities.

**For more information** about this supportive housing please contact:

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