

WORKING TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS IN MONTCO

OVERVIEW

Resources for Human Development (RHD) has been changing lives since 1970. We take a coordinated, community-wide approach to solving homelessness. For 15 years, RHD has helped adults in Montgomery County transition out of homelessness into permanent housing. Due to an ending lease, we have the opportunity to purchase and renovate a new building, all while launching a new and improved supportive short-term housing program. RHD's new facility will house the only program of its kind in Montgomery County – an innovative, collaborative model that addresses homelessness and values the dignity of every individual. Along with the new facility, we will introduce other components that will support individuals enrolled in our Supportive Short Term Housing program: single units that provide privacy, safer public health measures during Covid, and a more trauma-informed environment. Additional programs will improve outcomes for individuals, such as financial literacy, behavioral health services and access to physical health support. The combination of the new building and our holistic, person-centered approach to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness will result in long lasting outcomes for the whole community.



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FAST FACTS

- RHD brings over 50 years' experience in human services to this project. We have extensive expertise in housing and homelessness with a track record of success.
- Over 1,000 single adult Montgomery County residents experienced homelessness last year. This service is needed.
- RHD values the dignity of each individual. Homelessness can happen to anyone. Our residents come from all walks of life, with a myriad strengths, skills, and challenges.
- We are the only year-round short-term housing resource in Montgomery County for single adults to turn to when the unthinkable happens. Without our services, more Montgomery County residents would be sleeping on the streets.
- We are not an overnight shelter where members have to leave during the day. We are a cohesive, supportive, 24/7 community.
- The new facility will include even more comprehensive services designed to shorten periods of homelessness and support individuals in maintaining permanent housing.
- Our services include housing-focused case management, financial literacy education, benefits counseling, life skills coaching, job support, behavioral health services, and recovery support to help people achieve and maintain permanent housing.
- The new facility will have 60 individual units. We expect to serve approximately 200 people each year.
- We give back: our hiring strategy prioritizes local residents, and we support local businesses and community events.
- We all want the same thing to **solve homelessness**. RHD does just that by keeping people off the streets and making homelessness brief and non-recurring. We work hard to move people out of **short-term housing within 60-90** days. Last year, 45% of our members stayed fewer than **90** days.