

## Celebrate Affordable Housing in Ann Arbor... ... Or 6 ways to Help End Homelessness Today



- 1. Raise the Roof** with a House Party for Avalon. It's a great excuse to invite friends and family to your home for dinner, cocktails, coffee or just dessert. You provide the refreshments and we'll provide the materials (invitations, flyers, and a speaker or two.) Bring in some entertainment and make it a real party. We even have suggestions if you'd like. Pass the hat, charge admission, or ask guests to log onto our site to make a secure donation online.
- 2. Adopt a Property** and help us cut costs of upkeep and maintenance on our older sites. We take pride in preserving and rehabilitating historic properties, as well as making sure our tenants have homes they can be proud of. But that preservation comes with a price. If you have ever owned an older home you know what we're talking about. Adoption can include volunteering for seasonal work or special projects. It may also involve raising funds for a big need – like a new rood. So gather up a group of friends, coworkers, neighbors, family members or people from your church or congregation and take on an Avalon site today.
- 3. Pour some Coffee** at your place of worship and introduce your congregation to a proven solution to homelessness (hint: supportive housing). Invite members to meet folks from Avalon, offer up some coffee or tea and baked goods, and maybe even set out a basket for donations. We'll send a speaker and provide materials if you like. If your congregation has time for a presentation during the worship service, we'd be delighted to participate.
- 4. Present the Problem** of homelessness – and the *solution* – by introducing Avalon Housing to your class, your business partners, your club, or your congregation. We're happy to tell the Avalon Story – *and the good news about ending homelessness* – to any group, anywhere, anytime. You set it up and we'll be there.
- 5. Change the Venue**, temporarily, of your book club or business meeting. In exchange for letting us show you around and telling you a bit about Avalon and our mission, we'll offer you great accommodations for your group. Our Carrot Way Community Center can comfortably seat up to 30 people and has a fully functioning kitchen. We'll even fire up the coffee pot for you and provide all the fixings (maybe even a treat or two). Call us for scheduling and availability.
- 6. Call on Us.** We love what we do. We can talk all day (and night) about it. We'd also love to hear your ideas. Give us a ring, drop a line, or stop by our main office anytime.

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## Avalon Facts

Since 1992, Avalon Housing has been developing and managing permanent supportive housing that is affordable to Washtenaw County's lowest income residents. In the last 15 years, Avalon has developed 23 scattered site projects with a total of 190 units, and helped more than 500 people achieve housing stability and improve their quality of life.

### Tenant Snapshot

#### The Basics...

Total # of Households:	324
Total # of Individuals	475
Total # of Children	150
Average Household Income:	\$11,428

#### Tenants...

with full & part-time jobs:	42%
who participate in supportive services	80%
with history of homelessness	49%
living at Avalon more than 9 years:	20%
living at Avalon more than 5 years:	46%
living at Avalon 2-5 years:	66%

### Core Programs

**Housing Development** - buying and building permanent affordable housing targeted to households with incomes at or below 30% of the area median income (in Washtenaw County: 30% of median - \$16,300 for single person, or \$23,300 for a family of four.)

**Enhanced Property Management** – being a landlord with a non-profit organization that places a priority on preventing evictions and helping tenants achieve long-term housing stability.

**Supportive Housing Services** – providing flexible, individualized support services to Avalon tenants as needed to help them keep their housing and improve their quality of life. Services are voluntary and not time-limited.

### *Philosophy & Vision*

We believe that a key solution to homelessness is supportive housing. Safe, decent, affordable housing is a basic human right, without which it is impossible for people to address difficulties such as mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence, and other life challenges. Our model is grounded in a *Housing First* approach and we are committed to helping tenants achieve self-determination through involvement in the organization.

