



COMMUNITY ADVOCATES
Where Meeting Basic Needs Inspires Hope

Project Bridge Supportive Housing Program

Partner with Community Advocates

Community Advocates' Project Bridge Supportive Housing Program helps disabled or formerly homeless adults rent safe, permanent homes with the financial and social assistance to help them succeed.

THE BASICS

How We Do It: Community Advocates leases and furnishes apartments, pays the security deposit, and then subleases units to eligible program participants. All tenants are partnered with a case manager to enable them to live independently.

Who Participates: Project Bridge participants have survived challenges and are ready to live in their own apartments with the appropriate supports. Residents typically stay in the program for 5 to 6 years.

THE DETAILS

Community Advocates' Project Bridge Program, operating in Milwaukee County since 2007, offers supportive housing options to disabled or formerly homeless adults.

- **Community Advocates works directly with landlords** to lease apartments; the units are then subleased to program participants. Landlords do not have to wait for tenants' rent or deal with separate checks each month.
- **Each tenant is partnered with a case manager** and has access to a 24/7 hotline managed by staff to deal with out-of-the-ordinary circumstances or other concerns.
- **Community Advocates employs a dedicated Operations Manager** to work with property owners; tenants are instructed to contact the Operations Manager, not the property owner or manager, about housing concerns and repair requests.
- **Staff are trained to resolve conflicts** to prevent costly and disruptive evictions.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAY

"I am eternally grateful that everything has unfolded the way it did."—*Willis*

"Whoever was doing the planning for this thought of everything."—*Jim*

"I had a TV. I had a bed. I had a couch. I had dishes, I had pots and pans. I was like, oh my goodness. It was just awesome. And it made me feel good. I appreciate everything."—*Michael*

**For more information or to meet with a program representative,
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