



Gennesaret Free Clinic Mission

We are health care professionals and other concerned individuals from Indianapolis, Indiana who have heard a calling to offer our talents and training to the homeless and indigent.

Through our volunteer efforts, we endeavor to provide competent, accessible and compassionate health care to the needy.

Our faith moves us to show special respect and dignity to those who are disenfranchised; for we realize that it is in such a healing encounter that we are all made more whole by God.

Health Recovery Mission

To provide homeless men with a safe place to recover and heal their body, mind and soul after an illness or surgery. Each individual will be treated and cared for in a compassionate and holistic manner while maintaining the dignity and respect they deserve. The participants of the Health Recovery Program will be empowered to care for themselves and will also be given the opportunity to better themselves.

**A Community Response
To A Community Need,
Dedicated to Healing**

Special Recognition

- 2001 – Honorable Mention- Indiana Achievement Award for Innovation
- 2004 – Cited by the Interagency Council on Homelessness as an Innovative Program

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Health Recovery Program

Ending Homelessness Eight Men at a Time

The Health Recovery Program (HRP) opened in July 2000 to serve homeless men needing a place to recover after an inpatient hospital stay. The HRP is a vital piece of the continuum of care for both homeless providers and area hospitals.

The HRP has a staff of devoted professionals that consists of a nurse practitioner, case manager, and two staff members who live on site.

Each HRP participant has their own room and access to all basic needs including food, personal hygiene items, and clothing at no charge.



Key Components of the Health Recovery Program

- On site health care management and coordination by a nurse practitioner.
- Proactive case management coordination with multiple service providers including mainstream services such as VA benefits, SSI/SSD, food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, and Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Transportation to all health care related appointments.
- Opportunity for housing placement. Through 2003-2004 80% of the HRP participants were placed in a stable housing environment after discharge.
- Access to addiction and mental health services.
- Advocacy for clients on a number of issues to promote ending the cycle of homelessness.
- The HRP is based on a wholistic home health model where participants are empowered to learn to care for themselves.
- HRP participants will receive aftercare from a case manager for a minimum of one year after discharge.



General Admission Criteria

- The admission process to the HRP begins when the hospital case manager or homeless service providers contact the HRP Director to have the client evaluated.
- The HRP Director will evaluate the client to determine if the client is appropriate for the program.
- Clients must be able to perform their own activities of daily living.
- Clients must be able to live in a community environment and participate in community activities.
- Special medical needs such as oxygen and dressing changes will be considered on a case by case basis. Clients with additional skilled nursing needs will not be considered, i.e. IV infusion.
- The Health Recovery Program is designed for men only and can not accept referrals for women but every effort will be made to assist the referring hospital with information that may lead to other placement for female clients. Participants will be admitted regardless of ability to pay and will not be discriminated against based on age, race, religion, ethnicity, marital status, veteran status or sexual orientation.