JOHN PARVENSKY STOUT STREET RECUPERATIVE CARE CENTER

CREATING LASTING SOLUTIONS THROUGH INNOVATIVE HEALTH CARE

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is proud to announce a first-of-its kind mixed-use facility to serve the housing and healthcare needs of people experiencing homelessness in Colorado. The John Parvensky Stout Street Recuperative Care Center (JPSSRCC), located at 2175 California Street in Denver, meets the immediate health care needs of over 800 people experiencing homelessness annually through medical respite and recuperative care. The JPSSRCC is located in a mixed-use building that houses the recuperative care center on floors 2 and 3, and housing facilities on floors 4-9, accessible through a separate dedicated entrance.

WHY PROJECT MEETS CRITICAL NEEDS

Since its founding in 1984, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) has worked to serve people experiencing homelessness through housing, health care, and supportive services. One of the most significant struggles for CCH clients has been the difficulty in maintaining health following release from hospitals and other facilities, safely recovering from recent medical or clinical procedures, and other recovery needs that cannot be safely met in shelters or on the streets. When home is not an option, how can one "recover at home?"

People experiencing homelessness have medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and HIV/AIDS at rates three to six times higher than their housed counterparts. Their hospital stays are also nearly twice as long. Data demonstrates that hospital discharges to recuperative care centers not only improve health outcomes, they also reduce health care costs for both insurers and hospitals by reducing days spent in the hospital, readmissions, and emergency room use. The Coalition has been serving community members in need of respite for over 20 years at Beacon Place, but the small number of available beds has never been enough to fill this gap with our community. The new JPSSRCC exponentially increases the Coalition's ability to serve these clients.

A SAFE PLACE TO GET WELL

The JPSSRCC provides safe, dignified, and quality spaces for people experiencing homelessness to heal and stabilize from medical issues. The center features 70 medical respite beds targeted to people experiencing homelessness with acute medical conditions. Recuperative care is provided for approximately 30 to 45 days, depending on the needs of the client. All clients must be referred to recuperative care by a medical facility, and must also agree independently to stay at the facility. Each client arrives already fully invested in their own recovery.

Clients receive 24-hour supervised care, room and board at the center for the duration of their recovery, personal hygiene items, freshly prepared meals and snacks from an onsite kitchen, access to laundry facilities, and access to community rooms and onsite programming.

The facility treats clients with a variety of needs, including healing from post-surgical procedures, wound care, respiratory or heart issues, oxygen needs, chemotherapy treatment, and more: All the while reducing taxpayer expenses for emergency health care.

The JPSSRCC provides varied levels of care to clients according to individualized needs. The 2nd floor is dedicated to assistance for clients with more acute conditions, or individuals who generally need more interaction with staff. The 3rd floor is for clients with fewer support needs. Each client has a bed, bedside unit, a cabinet for personal possessions that locks, and plenty of outlets to access so they can charge personal devices. On the second floor, a curtain separates each individual from the person sharing their room within each of the suites. On the third floor, there will be two clients per room, with a shared bathroom. Five exam rooms are located onsite in the integrated suite to ensure clients are easily able to attend appointments and stay on a path to healing. Staffing includes 10-20 staff each day depending on the day and time of day, and 4-5 staff overnight.

In addition to medical assistance for acute conditions, clients are also provided with the opportunity to receive additional care onsite and ongoing integrated health care at the adjacent Stout Street Health Center including behavioral health support, pharmacy access, substance use treatment, peer support, and job training. Clients also have the opportunity to work with integrated case managers and housing counseling staff to identify long-term housing options, thereby providing them the opportunity to successfully transition out of homelessness to a long-term residence upon discharge.

The interior design of the building was selected through a trauma-informed process, and donated art warms the space.

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT & GREEN DESIGN

The Coalition believes that energy efficiency and environmentally-friendly construction should be the standard for affordable housing. The building is designed and constructed to meet or exceed Enterprise Green Communities guidelines. These standards deliver greater energy and water efficiencies, better indoor air quality and space use that will be sustainable over time—ultimately resulting in lower utility costs. Architectural services for the mixed-use project, which is designed as attractively as market-rate housing in the Arapahoe Square neighborhood, were provided by Christopher Carvell Architects, and construction was provided by Milender White.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Basic admission requirements must be met for all referred clients.

- Patients must have an acute medical need
- Patients must be able to complete all activities of daily living independently (e.g. transferring, toileting, eating)
- Patients must be able to manage their own medications

Visit **coloradocoalition.org/respite** to learn more and submit a referral. If you have additional questions, email: **respite@coloradocoalition.org**.