

Moving Home: How Housing Developers and Nursing Home Resident Advocates Are Teaming Up to Change Lives

Hundreds of nursing home residents around the state want to move out, but many have no affordable or accessible place to go.

That's where people like supportive housing developer Ken Regan come in. He joined forces with the Money Follows the Person Housing Partnership Program (MFPHPP) to build accessible rental apartments in three complexes in Howell and Clifton, for people moving out of nursing homes.

Each apartment has specialized features including roll-in showers, automatic entry door openers, fully accessible kitchens and bathrooms. These apartments are truly affordable for people with very low income levels.

The MFPHPP program and collaborations like this one with Ken Regan quite simply

changes people's lives. One such person is Darrius, 50. He lived two years in Cheshire Home after sustaining a serious injury, before moving into one of Ken's affordable and accessible units.

"I love it! It's small and it fits me," he says of his apartment. "It's close to all Paterson businesses. I can get there in my electric wheelchair, or I make appointments for the van to come pick me up."

His home health aide visits every day. "I've always been independent. I go to my sister's house, or to the park, or I might just chill out, watch TV."

Darrius says if you're a nursing home resident who wants to move to the community, you have to be pro-active: "You have to be strong, and do what you have to do for yourself."

MFPHPP is a partnership between the NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency and the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services. The program provides capital subsidies to eligible housing developers so that they will set aside accessible, affordable housing units for residents transitioning out of nursing homes.



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Funding for MFPHPP comes from savings from the Money Follows the Person program, a federal demonstration program to help individuals transition from institutions into the community. In New Jersey, this program is called I Choose Home NJ. **For more information, visit www.ichoosehome.nj.gov or call 855-466-3005.**



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