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HOMESTEAD PROGRAM

The Homestead Program, sponsored by Family Service Society of Yonkers (FSSY), has provided permanent supportive housing for individuals with physical disabilities since the program's inception in 2003. Currently the only one of its kind in Westchester, the program functions at full capacity and often has a waiting list of clients from across the county in need of handicapped-accessible housing. Originally based in Yonkers, the program has recently expanded to include the entire County of Westchester.

The Homestead Program has grown in response to the increasing population of physically disabled homeless individuals. Over the past several years, we have received many referrals from the Veterans Administration. Returning disabled veterans benefit greatly from the program's supportive housing that addresses the wide range of their needs, including case management and home care services. In addition, there has been a notable increase in the population of homeless females. Of the 12 clients who were most recently assessed and accepted into the program, 7 were women and 3 were veterans.

FSSY strives to help end homelessness in Westchester County. Given the limited housing resources available, we believe that providing permanent homes for the population of individuals with physical disabilities continues to be a major priority. Unfortunately, our funding provides housing for only 28 individuals. We hope you will assist us in reducing homelessness for this most vulnerable population by increasing funding for housing for physically disabled homeless Westchester residents.



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