

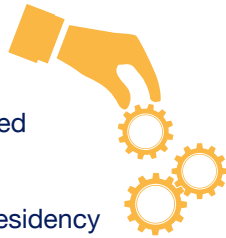


Creating Homes, Changing Lives

Dave's House was founded in 2008 by Lin and Ron Wilensky, to help others in the world like Lin's brother, Dave Jeffreys, who had schizophrenia. Dave's House provides affordable permanent supportive housing for people with serious mental illness and co-occurring disabilities. Working with partners at the local, state and federal levels, we develop homes based upon innovative and effective best practice models in Central Florida. Our current initiatives include:

Progress

- 100+ permanently-housed residents living with SMI
- 90% retention rate
- 277 collective years of residency
- Over 100,000 days of living in wellness
- 9 multi-resident homes in Orlando and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and Fairfax, Virginia
- 27 Dave's Housing First apartment homes in Orlando
- \$3.2 million in housing and neighborhood improvement and over \$5.5 million in community cost savings



Current Projects

- Seeking funding for:
 - » additional housing
 - » housing maintenance
 - » resident support services
 - » day program



The men and women we serve are chronically homeless, at risk of being homeless or in sub-standard housing. As a result of a health crisis, they have found themselves in a place with no housing, mental health care or financial support systems.

Once established in permanent supportive housing, residents receive ongoing mental health care managed by our behavioral health service partners. Their personal case manager works with them on life skills training, medication management and other assistance areas. A stable, permanent home is the foundation our residents need to get on, and stay on, the road to wellness. They can focus instead on improving themselves, contributing to their communities, managing life obstacles and realizing their potential.

The work of Dave's House is possible because of the support of caring people and partners in our community – catalysts in providing our residents a sense of security, belonging and stability.

Together, we will continue in our mission to transform lives and give hope to people with serious mental illness through creating stable homes that provide lasting recovery.

9.8 million
Nearly 1 in 25 of US
adults experiences
SMI each year¹

29,717 homeless
16.2% with SMI
in Florida²

2,053 homeless
In Central Florida²

Source: ¹ National Institute of Mental Health ² Florida Council on Homelessness, 2018

Dave's House Is Home

Simply having a place that is home empowers our residents to shift their focus from surviving to thriving. Their Dave's House home provides an environment for success – breaking the cycle of homelessness, jail and hospitalization.

Our homes combine a solid foundation of an affordable and stable home with mental health care managed by our behavioral health service partners. They provide our residents independence, a sense of security and a support network of acceptance and caring.

James, one of our residents, perhaps sums it up best: "Dave's House has given me my independence which I thought I would never get back. It has been the greatest experience of my lifetime."

At home, our residents can more easily manage life obstacles, live in recovery and realize their potential. They have the stability and security of knowing where they will eat dinner, shower and sleep each night. By helping create stable homes for our residents, our supporters are instrumental in helping them escape homelessness and experience a better life.

Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent supportive housing is an innovative and proven solution that combines a solid foundation of affordable and stable housing with managed mental health care provided by behavioral health service partners. It helps people who face the most complex challenges to live with stability, autonomy and dignity. This housing model breaks the cycle of chronic crisis care, reducing the financial and social costs of homelessness and building healthier communities.

Dave's House utilizes two models, dependent upon resident-specific needs:

- **Scattered Site Single Family Home:** This Traditional Home Model keeps individuals from the streets – creating a single family home residence for typically four individuals who have the life skills to live in a shared environment and usually are graduating from transitional care. All residents have been previously homeless due to their serious mental illness.
- **Dave's Housing First:** This Housing First Model takes individuals off the streets – providing apartment homes for those with serious mental illness alongside co-occurring disabilities. These individuals require a much greater intensity of case management and services.

Key to the success of permanent supportive housing is ongoing mental health support services. Case managers work with residents on life skills training; medication management; mental health/substance abuse treatment; 24/7 crisis intervention and stabilization services; daily support programming and vocational services; and coordination with primary health care and dental services.



**"At Dave's House, we believe everyone deserves the opportunity to live their best life possible. And our residents are living proof of lives restored and hope rekindled."
– Co-Founder Lin Wilensky**



Our Aspire Health partners, Shonna Lee, Dave's House Case Manager and Carolyn Kreuzpaintner, Dave's House Supervisor.

Provider Partners | Aspire Health Partners | Central Florida Commission on Homelessness | Community Resource Network | Healthcare Center for the Homeless | Henderson Behavioral Health | Homeless Services Network of Central Florida | HOPE South Florida

Annual Living Costs, By Person

- **\$10,051 Permanent Supportive Housing like Dave's House**
- **\$31,065 A homeless person living with SMI – including prison, ER visits and hospital stays**
- **68% reduction in community costs**

Source: Central Florida Commission on Homelessness



Your Support Empowers Our Residents

Our residents' ability to achieve independent living through permanent supportive housing is the direct result of your generous support. You help us establish an environment of success for them, breaking the cycle of homelessness, jail and hospitalization. The words that our residents use to describe what living in a Dave's House means to them speak volumes about the transformative effect of our homes:

Independence. Peace of mind. Self-confidence. Friendship. Stability. Safety.

Donations fund the development of more permanent supportive housing in Central Florida as well as mental health services assisting our 100+ residents. Every year, Dave's House hosts a Leadership Seminar and our Happy Days Soiree. These events raise critical funds that support our programs.

With your help, our residents are adding each day to a collective 100,000+ days of living in wellness. **That's a lot of happier days for each of them that simply would not have been possible without you.**



Ways You Can Help

- Donations and monthly recurring donations
- Event sponsorships
- Business bulk item donations
- Volunteer

2019 Happy Days Soiree Sponsorships available!

49th

Florida's state ranking for mental health programs⁵

Source: ⁵ National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute



Creating Homes, Changing Lives



1 | Acquisition

- Purchase/supplemental rent funding
- Finding the perfect fit
 - » Home functionality
 - » Neighborhood location and services



2 | Residents

- With mental health and housing first partners, identify residents
- \$1,500 move-in costs
- Case Manager funding



3 | Move-in Prep

- Life's basic necessities
- Repairs and renovations
- Initial rent and utility deposits
- Start-up assistance for food, medication and bus passes



4 | Management

- Ongoing repairs and maintenance
- Program oversight, with mental health service providers

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"If I could say anything to myself two years ago, it would be, 'Just wait to see the opportunities that are going to be available to you. Don't give up.'"

– Dave's House Resident Tim

"Dave's House has given me a steady and stable roof over my head. Living here has helped me become more independent."

– Dave's House Resident Michelle



"I now have a place to call home, where I feel safe, can live affordably and focus on bettering myself. Dave's House has saved me from being homeless and has given me a life I am happy with."

– Dave's House Resident Brandon

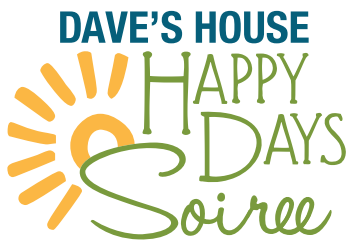
"At my Dave's House home, I have personally grown and I feel safe, warm, loved and valued. I have a true closeness and companionship with my roommates. Dave's House has given me self-esteem in life; I feel free!"

– Dave's House Resident Seth



"Living in a Dave's House means to me that I'm able to feel good about myself. I went from homelessness to getting a job and feeling stable. If there is hope for me then there is hope for others. I feel like one of the lucky ones."

– Dave's House Resident Albert



Happy Days Soiree

Saturday | October 12, 2019 | 6-9 pm

Howl at the Moon Orlando | 8815 International Dr

Join Dave's House in celebrating our residents – inspired and empowered, champions thriving through permanent supportive housing. They are our heroes, overcoming life's challenges and living in wellness.



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