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## **Admissions and Services at Christian Communities Group Homes**

Christian Communities Group Homes, Inc. (CCGH), a service of Episcopal Senior Ministries, has been operating three homes for the elderly since 1981. **Pleasant Hill** is an supportive living home (also called community residence facility or CRF) for 8 seniors who need supervision and some assistance with daily activities. **House of Togetherness** is a shared-living home for seniors who can function independently. It has five private bedrooms and a large, one-bedroom apartment in the ground-floor level. **Andrus House** is a Universally Designed home for independent seniors. Rental fees for all homes are on a sliding scale based on income. Applicants who are eligible for Pleasant Hill are generally not appropriate for our shared living homes.



### **I. Pleasant Hill (supportive living)**

- A. Eligibility – DC residents 60 years and older whose doctor's certify that they require non-medical supervision.
- B. Fees – For residents on public assistance (SSI), the rate is set by the DC government, usually each January, with a personal allowance included in the SSI check. In 2010, that room and board rate is \$1059 per month, with a \$100 personal allowance. For residents whose income exceeds \$1100 per month, the rate is a percentage of income up to \$2,000 per month maximum. CCGH may adjust the private scale rates based on documented, non-reimbursable medical expenses, but in no instance would the rate be less than the public assistance rate.
- C. Admissions process – Applicants schedule an appointment with the CCGH Group Homes Manager, bringing medical and financial records (cards, records, bank statements). Applicants must have their physician complete a medical form provided by CCGH, including a TB test or chest x-ray. CCGH will seek a level of care determination upon preliminary approval of all applicants receiving SSI before final admission. Upon preliminary approval, applicants are invited for 1-week trial stay to ensure propriety of placement. Prior to final approval, the resident must have a POA in place or work with CCGH staff to identify a responsible party
- D. Services provided – Fully furnished private bedrooms; 24-hour supervision and medication supervision; 3 meals served family-style and snack; for those without family members or their designees in the area, escort to and transportation to medical appointments; financial representation, if required; scheduled activities.

## II. House of Togetherness (shared, independent living)

- A. Eligibility – DC residents 60 years and older. Able to function independently in two-story home, including doing own cooking and cleaning, self-care, managing own medications and health care, and getting along with other house members.
- B. Fees - Fees are on a sliding scale based on income, which currently range from \$230 to \$350 per month for seniors on public assistance. CCGH reserves the right to change this scale. The apartment rents at \$700 per month, and applicants must have an income of at least \$1,000/month or assets sufficient to cover this rate.
- C. Admissions process – Applicants schedule an interview with the CCGH Group Homes Manager, bringing medical and financial records. Applicants must get a TB test or chest x-ray within 30 days prior to admission. Upon preliminary approval, applicants have up to a one-month trial visit. Upon successful completion of the trial visit, applicants pay for that period and sign Agreement. If at any time during the trial visit, CCGH determines that placement is inappropriate, the applicant will be turned down for admission and required to leave.
- D. Services – Fully furnished private bedrooms and new furniture in the common areas. Residents are able to bring their own bedroom furniture, providing it meets safety and space considerations. Utilities and house phone for local calls included. Washer and dryer in basement.



Residents in the shared living homes are expected to clean their own bedrooms, clean up after themselves when using the common areas, and share in chore rotations for the whole house. Residents are expected to abide by house rules and attend regularly scheduled house meetings to discuss common concerns and shared interests. Residents are invited to attend all resident activities offered by CCGH, including those at Pleasant Hill. The shared living homes are located next door to the Model Cities Wellness Senior Center, and residents are welcome to attend activities there.

### III. Andrus House (shared, Universally Designed living)

- A. Eligibility – DC residents 60 years and older. Able to function independently using the adaptable features of the home. Residents must demonstrate maintenance of ADL's and be able to perform IADL's with limited to no assistance. Residents must also be willing to live in a shared environment and participate in communal life.
- B. Fees – Fees are on a sliding scale based on income. Expected rents will range from \$230 - \$450. Some larger rooms have higher base rents and priority will be given to those with the ability to pay.
- C. Admissions – Applicants schedule an interview with the CCGH Group Homes Manager, bringing medical and financial records. If mobility is a problem, alternate arrangements can be made. Applicants must have a physical and TB test or chest x-ray within 30 days prior to admission. Upon preliminary approval, applicants will enter a 30 trial residency. Upon successful completion of this residency, applicants pay for that period and sign Agreement. If at any time during the trial visit, CCGH determines that placement is inappropriate, the agency can withhold full admission and ask the applicant to leave.
- D. Services – AARP and its partners have fully furnished each private bedroom and the common spaces. Residents are able to bring personal furniture, as long as it passes CCGH prior approval. Utilities and local phone use are included. Washer and dryer on premises.



CCGH staff will provide general support (e.g., connection to benefits, house meetings) and specialized support as needed. If additional support is needed, a resident may arrange for in-home care in consultation with CCGH staff.

For more information on CCGH's residential programs or the organization more generally, go to [www.ccgfdc.org](http://www.ccgfdc.org) or contact us at (202) 635-9384.