CLARKSVILLE, TN PROVIDENCE POINTE

A PLACE FOR VETERANS

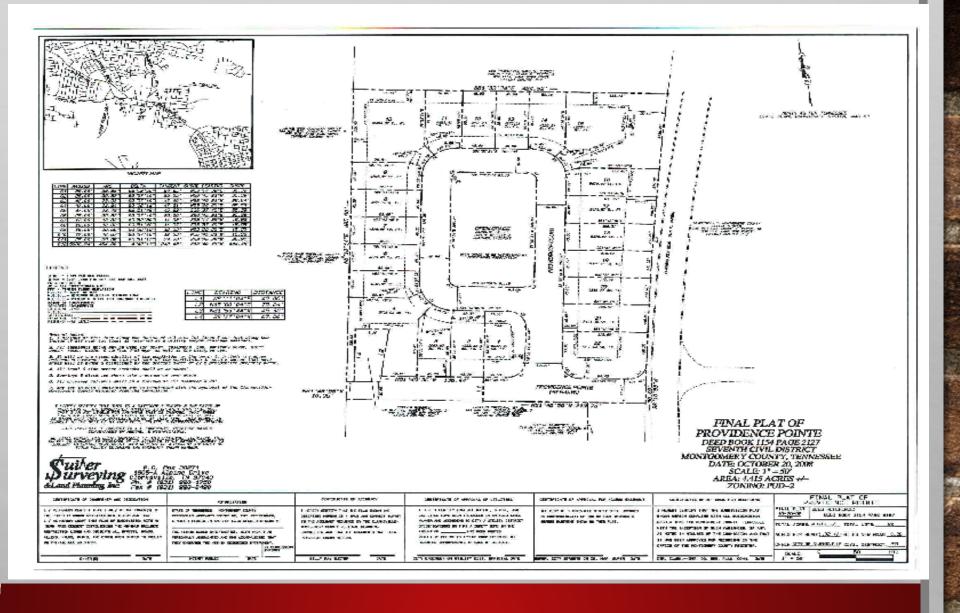


The Clarksville Office of Housing and Community Development has developed a seventeen-lot subdivision in Clarksville called Providence Pointe.

The Providence Pointe project was created with funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Thanks to the flexibility of the HOME program, and the city of Clarksville a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), a CHDO was selected to build houses for income-qualified veterans, disabled veterans, and low-income families. The HOME program was a vital tool, allowing Clarksville to implement this affordable housing project to help revitalize and transform this low-income neighborhood, and provide new single-family housing.

Providence Pointe is a Planned Unit Development (PUD), which allows a more compact design, while preserving common open space. The site is accessible to public transportation, schools, and retail centers. The subdivision offers energy star rated houses, underground utilities, sidewalks, and green space.

Through provisions of the HOME program, and the Housing Trust Fund, the Providence Pointe project allows Buffalo Valley the opportunity to provide permanent affordable housing units in Clarksville. The homeownership program will provide safe, decent and cost effective housing that meets the needs for our growing veteran and low-income populations. Clarksville recognizes the need for carefully designed and cost effective housing programs that can assist families that lack the resources or support networks needed to obtain permanent housing.



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The Office of Housing and Community Development requested the city donate a foreclosed property to a CHDO for transitional housing for Homeless Veterans. The property was stick built five bedroom two story, two bathroom, single-family residence with one of the bathrooms being handicapped accessible. The non-profit agreed to use the structure as transitional housing for homeless veterans who have agreed to case management and were looking for permeant housing. Since its opening day, the facility has remained fully occupied.

HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS FIVE BEDROOM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE









SAFE PLACE FAMILY TRANSITIONAL CENTER

THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, PURCHASED 815 CROSSLAND AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHABILITATING THE BUILDING AND TURNING IT INTO A FAMILY TRANSITION CENTER.

THE SAFE PLACE FAMILY TRANSITIONAL CENTER WAS BUILT AND DONATED TO THE NON-PROFIT URBAN MINISTRIES. THE CENTER PROVIDES LIVING SPACE, COUNSELING AND OTHER SERVICES FOR UP TO FOUR FAMILIES AT A TIME. THE FACILITY, HAS FOUR FAMILY ROOMS WITH BATHROOMS, A FULL KITCHEN, CHILDREN'S PLAY ROOM, AND WASHERS AND DRYERS

SAFE PLACE ALSO OFFERS A COMPUTER DESK AND COUNSELING PROGRAMS TO HELP FAMILIES IN THEIR SEARCH FOR EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER SERVICES. FAMILIES CAN STAY AT THE FACILITY FOR UP TO 90 DAYS. THE CENTER IS MANNED WITH STAFF 24/7. WHILE AT THE CENTER, THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS HELP PROVIDE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

THE CENTER REPRESENTS A UNIQUE COLLABORATION BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE FAITH BASED AND HOMELESS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS. THE CENTER PROVIDES COORDINATED ACCESS TO THE CITYWIDE FAMILY HOMELESS SERVICES ON A DAILY BASIS. THE CENTER SERVES AS A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR COORDINATED ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL FOR FAMILIES SEEKING HOMELESS SERVICES.

SINCE THE CENTER HAS BEEN OPEN, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY ASSIST 5 FAMILIES ON A FULL TIME BASIS.







