



Advocacy &  
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LGBTQ+ Elders

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### **SAGE's National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative (NHI) Baltimore Monthly Newsletter: Sept. 2023**

*SAGE's NHI is dedicated to providing information that helps LGBTQ+ elders and allies make informed decisions when it comes to housing. For LGBTQ+ older people, finding a place that's welcoming—where they can feel free to be themselves and be treated respectfully and compassionately—is a mainstay of our program.*

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#### **Welcome**

We are so thrilled to bring you our inaugural newsletter about SAGE's housing work in Baltimore. This monthly newsletter will provide information and updates about the project, as well opportunities to get involved in various ways. Thank you for joining us on this journey!

#### **Our Vision**

SAGE imagines an affordable housing development for older adults in Baltimore that is built specifically with the LGBTQ+ community in mind. This development would contain numerous independent-living apartment units and would be affordable to those in the community with significant financial need. It would also include community gathering spaces, LGBTQ+ affirming programming, and connections to a variety of local services. This development would celebrate all of the beautiful things that make us who we are, and it would offer a safe and affordable place for Baltimore's LGBTQ+ older adults to live, age, and build community.

For some samples of similar projects, check out:

- The [John C. Anderson Apartments](#) in Philadelphia
- [Stonewall House and Crotona Pride House](#) in New York
- [The Pryde](#) in Boston

#### **Our Work so Far**

SAGE has spent the last year engaging the Baltimore community to gauge interest in this type of housing and explore the feasibility of bringing a project like this to the area. Data from focus groups, surveys, and individual interviews indicate that this type of housing is deeply desired in Baltimore City; data also indicate that it is indeed possible for this building to come to Baltimore.

SAGE has established a partnership with [Pennrose Development](#), the developer behind both The Pryde and the John C. Anderson Apartments, listed above. (Pennrose's regional headquarters is located in the heart of Baltimore!) We have also built strong partnerships with a number of prominent local community organizations, particularly those that serve the LGBTQ+ community. Look for more information about these partners in future issues of this newsletter.

## Where You Come In

One of SAGE's core values is that LGBTQ+ Older Voices Come First, and we believe this project must be informed by community at every step. We are still in the early stages of this work and will be continuing to solicit community input around location, services, and many other aspects of the project. We value your support, and we rely on your participation to help this project to be successful. **Stay on the lookout for future opportunities to get involved and offer your feedback.** In the meantime, please help us **spread the word!** If you know of someone who might be interested in this project, please feel free to forward this email and invite them to sign up for updates at <https://sageusa.tfaforms.net/4664072>

## About Us

### SAGE

SAGE is a national organization that provides services and advocacy to LGBTQ+ elders. With 45 years of experience, SAGE is the world's oldest and largest organizations dedicated to improving the lives of LGBTQ+ elders. From direct services to national research and data collection, SAGE continues to work towards making this world more habitable for LGBTQ+ elders.

Visit the SAGE Website: [SAGE](#)

### The NHI

SAGE's National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative (NHI), founded in 2015, aims to increase the amount of affirming and affordable housing for LGBTQ+ older adults, so that our community can develop and maintain housing security as they age. Additionally, the NHI educates current housing and service providers of older adults, hoping to create a more inclusive elder housing environment across the country.

Learn more at the [NHI Website](#)

Again, thank you for joining us in this exciting, important work. Please feel free to reach out to us with and thoughts, questions, or ideas. We look forward to connecting with you again very soon!

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