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SAGE's National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative (NHI) Baltimore Monthly Newsletter: Jan. 2024

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.

Welcome

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

Happy New Year from your friends at SAGE! We hope this New Year brings new joy, opportunity, and peace into each of your lives! As we reflect on where we have been, we appreciate our community's elders who have advocated on behalf of LGBTQ+ people over the years. And as we reflect on where we are going, we look towards a future where LGBTQ+ older adults receive safe, affordable, and affirming housing in Baltimore!

LGBTQ+ Affirming, Affordable Housing

For those of you that are now joining our newsletter, SAGE has been exploring the possibility of building LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing for older adults in Baltimore. This housing would be independent living style, rental units at an affordable rate. By leveraging LGBTQ+ affirming design, community partnerships, and LGBTQ+ culturally competent services, this building will be LGBTQ+ affirming to its residents and to the broader community – it will be a safe place to call home.

Over the last year, our team has been hard at work building local partnerships, meeting community members, and exploring potential sites for development. As we begin 2024, we are excited to start the process of making this dream a reality. We are looking towards a year of continued community development and partnership building with local organizations and LGBTQ+ older adults in Baltimore. Be on the lookout for future correspondence regarding town halls, information sessions, organized events, and pride festivities; we are excited to have more community opportunities to discuss LGBTQ+ housing this year! Additionally, in this newsletter, we will continue to convey updates from our developer partner, Pennrose. We appreciate all their hard work, and we look forward to sharing more updates from them as the year progresses.

We Need Your Help

This year, we are hoping to reach a wider audience of community members in Baltimore. As we look towards hosting information sessions and town halls for this development, we aim to reach more individuals interested in LGBTQ+ affirming housing. We need your help to expand our reach and ensure community participation in this development. If you know anyone who is interested in hearing about this project, please have them sign up to receive this monthly newsletter. Please share the following link to at least one person who might be interested in this project:

<http://bit.ly/LGBTQElderHousing>

If each person receiving this newsletter shares this link with one person, we will double our reach and offer more community members opportunities to be involved. Thank you for helping us to make this dream a reality!

Housing Models Resource

The National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative is excited to launch our new Housing Possibility Models resource. This resource is designed to inform developers, community members, and advocates about varying models of affordable housing – especially models that attempt to subvert problematic housing systems rooted in racism and classism. This resource discusses Community Land Trusts, Cohousing, Homesharing, Housing Cooperatives, Accessory Dwelling Units, and Trans Affirming Housing as possibility models for affordable housing development. Check out the link below to see what might be possible in your community!

[ACCESS THIS NEW RESOURCE HERE](#)

We hope that you have a lovely January, and we look forward to building momentum, with you, for LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing this year! Happy 2024!

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