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MARGUERITE'S PLACE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING APPLICATION PACKAGE

Marguerite's Place Supportive Housing Program is a 3-year transitional supported living program delivered from a housing-first approach, within a safe and secure environment. It is operated by the St. John's Status of Women Council.

Residents are supported by an on-site social worker and a team of trained housing support staff. Residents are provided individualized support planning, ongoing programming opportunities and 24-hour on-site support. Marguerite's Place staff support individuals who have been chronically underserved by systems to identify and overcome barriers that have prevented them from maintaining safe and stable housing and independence in the community. This is achieved through consistent development of Individualized Support Plans in collaboration with staff which allow individuals to identify needs, strengths and actions to achieve their specific goals.

Marguerite's Place is a residential program designed to assist women (trans and cis women) and nonbinary people facing barriers to housing stability to develop essential life skills necessary to live independently in the community. Outreach support is offered to individuals transitioning from the program.

We are accepting applications for one of our eight supportive housing bachelorette units located above the Women's Centre at 170 Cashin Avenue Ext. Eligible applicants must:

- Be unaccompanied and **over the age of 30**
- Face significant barriers to independent housing
- Participate in programs to address personal growth identified through goal planning sessions
- Participate in communal living environment and attend weekly meetings
- Agree to commit to at least one year in the program
- have income less than the Low Income Cut Off (LICO) standards set by Statistics Canada (In 2022, the 12month LICO amount for a single person is \$26,620.)

The following package outlines our selection process. It is important that applicants review this document before proceeding.

If you have any questions or concerns on the following information, please contact Joyce, Program Coordinator at Marguerite's Place (709-753-0220).

Sincerely,

Marguerite's Place Team



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Candidate Selection Process

All aspects of the candidate selection process will be guided by two essential principles: **resident participation and communal living**.

- 1) **Participation:** Programming is an integral part of what Marguerite's Place Supportive Housing Program offers to its residents. There will be a continuum of support and programs that will provide residents with many opportunities to develop and utilize new skills. Selected candidates demonstrate an interest, a capacity, and a willingness to participate in programming, and especially individual support planning. Lack of participation in the program can affect residents' length of stay at Marguerite's Place.
- 2) **Communal Living:** Developing a harmonious community is essential to foster an atmosphere of care, support, and respect between residents, staff, and volunteers. In order to create such a community, we will consider group dynamics, as well as assessment of a resident's suitability for communal living.
- 3) **Accessibility:** All in-house programs are wheelchair accessible. Wherever possible, other accessible services will be provided.
- 4) **Home Care Requirements:** Marguerite's Place is not equipped to provide individuals with medical, palliative, or home care of our residents. Residents who require such supports must have these resources arranged through other means before they move to Marguerite's Place. Candidates must be able to live independently and maintain their own living space through pre-arranged home care if required.

Application Process

Marguerite's Place Supportive Housing applications may be obtained online at our website (<https://sjwomenscentre.ca/programs/marguerites-place/>) or by contacting the Program Coordinator. The application process involves submission of an application and if appropriate, will be followed by an in-person meeting and tour with the Program Coordinator. A support person may also accompany applicants during this process. The application package and supporting documents may be submitted via e-mail or in person at the St. John's Status of Women Council located at 170 Cashin Avenue Extension.

Applicants may enter the application process independently. A friend or family member may also assist in the referral/application process. If a referring agency is involved it is expected that they will be active partners with candidates throughout the application process and during residency where possible. Referring agencies include (but are not limited to):

- Community Groups
- Government Agencies
- Provincial Organizations



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Referring agencies are expected to:

- Become familiar with admissions criteria and application process
- Involve the candidate in the application process
- Offer support to candidates during the application process and residency

Self-Disclosure & Openness

Understanding the experiences and needs of women and non-binary people entering Marguerite's Place Supportive Housing Program is crucial to successful housing. We encourage openness and transparency throughout the application process. We prioritize housing folks who have had criminal justice involvement, mental health challenges, historic or current substance use and who have experienced trauma. Disclosure of any of the above is certainly not mandatory but will help in prioritizing based on need in the selection process. Letters of support from individuals and/or the community can also be included with an application.

Letters of support are intended to provide insight into the candidate's suitability and need for the program, as well as their ability to contribute to and benefit from the Marguerite's Place community and supportive living program. Letters of support should include:

- A clear description of the referring agency's relationship with a candidate indicating how long has the agency been working with the candidate and in what capacity
- A description of the supports that the referring agency will be able to offer the candidate while they are living at Marguerite's Place
- An outline of how the candidate meets the required selection criteria for residency at Marguerite's Place
- Acknowledgement of ongoing or past challenges with substance use, mental health, violence and trauma experiences, etc. (with participant consent only)
- The ways in which the candidate hopes to benefit from Marguerite's Place Supportive Housing Program.

Please forward applications to: mpapplication@sjwomenscentre.ca
For further information or inquiries, please contact Joyce at 753-0220.