

SILVER KEY'S HOUSING PROGRAM

FIVE PILLARS



SENIOR HOUSING IN THE COLORADO SPRINGS REGION IS AMONG THE MOST COMPLEX SOCIAL ISSUE SILVER KEY IS ADDRESSING.

Safe, affordable, accessible housing for older adults is in severe short supply, compounding multiple housing issues specific to seniors for which Silver Key has a unique understanding and comprehensive approach to address. From the initial call for help through rental and utility assistance, wrap-around services to augment essential living expenses to lease negotiations, community-wide tracking of housing inventory to emergency eviction intervention to outspoken community advocacy and developing new housing inventory – Silver Key is investing over \$900,000 annually to keep seniors healthy, housed, hopeful and out of homelessness.

CONTINUING HOUSING NAVIGATION

- Offered through our Health & Wellness team, specialized assistance is provided in the legal, logistical, and emotional aspects to physically help a senior “navigate” the paperwork complexities required by the landlord.
- Navigators build upon the relationships Silver Key has in place with numerous collaborative partners and utilize the network to the best advantage of seniors with housing needs.
- Direct financial assistance for housing expenses is negotiated and made available through the Silver Key Emergency Assistance Fund, as available.
- Emergency rescue intervention to augment displacement through unexpected building catastrophe or ownership transition.

RETURNING! HOME MODIFICATION

- A unique collaborative program is being reintroduced to provide basic external and interior home modifications and repairs is underway to help seniors safely age in their own homes.

PARTNERING: PROPERTY TAX-AIDE HELP

- In partnership with AARP Foundation Property Tax-Aide to help low-moderate income older adults get money back on their homes by helping them navigate the complex process of applying for property tax refunds or credits.

EXPANDING SENIOR HOUSING

- Silver Key is actively engaged with a development and consulting team to build new affordable units on a site adjacent to our headquarters.
- Funding, both private and public, coupled with low-income housing tax credits through CHFA are being sought.

PROVIDING WRAPAROUND SERVICES

- Silver Key's core services - Nutrition, Transportation, Behavioral/Mental Health – help fixed income seniors focus on housing costs.
- In-home companionship services support aging in place and independence.
- Collective energies are critically needed now to provide innovative, effective solutions for older adults who need help to secure the most basic of human needs.

Momentum is building around our comprehensive efforts to be part of the housing solution for seniors.

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