Every day, people living with HIV contact DOORWAYS in search of safe housing. We are the only HIV agency in the metro region meeting the need for emergency shelter.

These last few years, emergency housing demand has exceeded capacity, causing us to turn away individuals and families in desperate situations.
HIV is no longer a death sentence, but many in St. Louis still die from it. Why?

Medical advances in the treatment of HIV/AIDS can lead to viral suppression and a near-normal life span for those able to access and afford healthcare, but 76% of people with HIV live in poverty.¹

HIV is at EPIDEMIC levels among the urban poor, who are at a 26x greater risk of contracting the virus.²

The situation worsens for the homeless, who are 16x more likely to contract HIV than those who are housed.³

BEYOND TONIGHT will bring housing, health, and hope to our clients—individuals and families who are homeless and living in poverty. Many battle mental illness, substance use, and the effects of poverty such as limited education and minimal work experience. They’ve endured abuse, neglect and isolation. They are invisible and ignored by society.

Being homeless is terrifying no matter what, but if you add an HIV diagnosis, it can be a death sentence. At DOORWAYS, we help people living with HIV steer their path away from desperation toward a life of hope.

 Taylor McCabe, DOORWAYS manager of person-centered care

Research shows “housing is healthcare.”

A stable home is a top predictor of whether someone with HIV will live or die from the disease, as it increases access to and compliance with medical treatment plans that can lead to viral suppression — and reduced risk of forward transmission. ⁶

There is no time to waste.

Homeless people with HIV are 10x more likely to die from HIV-related causes. ⁶

THE DOORWAYS MODEL

At DOORWAYS, we help our clients build a path forward.

From our founding in 1988, our mission remains to provide our clients with a place to live where they may stabilize their health. Housing and healthcare are not enough. Our clients and their families also need services to address a mix of life-limiting challenges anchoring them to instability. After an intensive intake assessment to reveal needs, we begin our role as their partner through resource referrals and goal-setting.

Each person brings their own story, and we mold our case management around their needs, from health-related issues such as addiction treatment and mental health counseling to basic daily living skills (nutritious eating, reading/writing, budgeting) to assistance with employment activities for those ready and able to work.

BEYOND TONIGHT will expand our supportive programming space to minimize barriers to resources. Staff and services will be available onsite, increasing accessibility, reducing the stress of travel times and transportation costs, with 24-hour security and assistance.

DOORWAYS is the largest HIV-serving agency in Missouri, providing housing, health, and hope to thousands of homeless individuals and families. We are a recognized leader and trusted resource in this field.

New medications have shifted our focus from support for the dying to building lives for the living, but we can’t take comfort in this progress. There are over 500 new infections in Missouri each year.

Beyond Tonight is looking past a place to sleep, to a place where those we serve can live their best life. Beyond Tonight expands our circle of care, increases efficiencies, and builds community from the inside out. By supporting Beyond Tonight, you are saving lives, reducing HIV transmission, and offering dignity to people who are at the lowest point in their lives. Please join us by giving generously.

OPAL M. JONES, PRESIDENT+CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
JUSTIN, DOORWAYS RESIDENT

DOORWAYS took in someone like me — a homeless, HIV+ heroin addict. Now I have a home, an education, a partner, and plans for the future. It’s just a complete transformation. I have no doubt that DOORWAYS saved my life.

According to the National AIDS Housing Coalition and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, a stable home is the top predictor of whether someone with HIV will live or die from the disease.

Besides increasing medical treatment compliance, stable housing, and the sense of hopefulness it creates, encourages positive behaviors.
We’ve discussed the need: HIV/AIDS is at epidemic levels among the urban poor. Without treatment you will die.

We’ve shared the solution: Housing provides the stability to adhere to healthcare directives, access resources, and build skills to advance towards a more stable life.

DOORWAYS provides the response through six housing platforms. The Emergency Housing Program provides the most critical entry point, assisting clients in extreme crisis.

We place individuals and families in scattered-site boarding houses and motels, with the latter charging double or triple the rate as family size increases. Higher costs per household reduces the total number of people we can serve—a number that has doubled in just five years.

BEYOND TONIGHT will bring all emergency housing to one location, with lower nightly costs. It provides expanded programming space for direct access to on-site supportive services. It creates a reserve fund to assure continued capital improvements at existing buildings, and adds a new 30-unit permanent housing building to replace the oldest property.

Campaign Goal: $23.5 Million

$15M | EMERGENCY HOUSING BUILDING 35,000 SQ. FT. With 24-hour staffing, the building offers 36 studio and 1-bedroom apartments for individuals and families, with ease of access to the expanded supportive services that will be offered in the designated programming space.

$6M | PERMANENT HOUSING 70,000 SQ. FT. A 35-unit permanent housing building on the new campus to replace the off-site, existing building, Delmar.

$1M | EXPANDED PROGRAMMING Space in the new building allows expansion of supportive services such as onsite counseling, employment assistance, self-development courses, and community events.

$1.5M | RESERVE FUND DOORWAYS owns and operates eight housing structures. Each needs continued capital improvements to assure client safety and service. This fund provides for these projects without service interruption.
Healing starts here.

More space, more services, more hope.

**Emergency Housing**
35,000 SQ. FT.
- 50 fully-furnished units of studio and 2-bedroom apartments with private bathrooms and kitchenettes
- 24-hour staffing
- Laundry, recreational space, and playground

**Permanent Housing Residence**
20,000 SQ. FT.
- 30 one- and two-bedroom apartments with kitchen, private bath, and laundry
- Recreational space and playground

**Expanded Programming Space**
20,000 SQ. FT.
- Private client intake rooms
- Individual offices for one-on-one mental health/substance use counseling services
- Ease of access to the DOORWAYS Employment Specialist and resource room
- Multi-media classrooms for self-development courses (stress management, nutritious eating, household budgeting, parenting, GED, basic computer skills, etc.)
- Client and community gathering space with kitchen area for education demonstrations/catering
- Board room, volunteer center, conference room, and staff offices

**Campus Features**
- A network of supportive neighbors and staff
- The gathering place for community partner events
- Fully accessible design, with green building processes
- Garden and walking path for relaxation and rejuvenation
- Recognition patio
JIM, DOORWAYS RESIDENT

Independence is really important to me. You can imagine a man in his 50s needing to live with his parents. I found DOORWAYS; I have independence here. They go above and beyond... It feels like home.

Jim Kruecker

The conditions in which people with HIV live, work, learn, and play contribute to their ability to live healthy lives. People with HIV risk losing their housing due to factors such as increased medical costs and limited incomes or reduced ability to keep working due to related illnesses. Securing stable housing is a key part of achieving successful HIV outcomes.
Your gift saves lives—Beyond Tonight.

Your generosity will change the lives of people desperately in need of shelter, medical care, and compassion. You can be the difference between a life of illness and isolation or a life of hope and community.

The people at DOORWAYS make you feel at home, like you have a family. I think I was here, like, two days and everyone knew my name. You know how good that felt? “Hey Peter, good morning!” I think that gave me the sense of family that I was missing.

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