Welcome Home Celebration

Empowering People in Mental Health Recovery to Live Independently

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The Robert M. Minkoff Foundation proudly salutes Housing Unlimited for your 26 years of success in transforming and improving lives through independent living.

“Being associated with Housing Unlimited is something I treasure simply because I know how effective your programs are at helping tenants. Providing them good quality housing in close proximity to public transportation, as well as a network of friends and peers within the Housing Unlimited community, is a truly worthwhile effort that I am proud to help support. The Minkoff Foundation’s partnership with Housing Unlimited comes back to me on a daily basis because I know the world is a better place thanks to your efforts.”

– Robert Minkoff

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HOUSING UNLIMITED was founded by a group of parents of adults in mental health recovery. We acquired our first house in late 1994, and now serve 215 tenants in 78 scattered-site homes. We’re proud to provide independent and empowering alternatives to homelessness and institutional housing. Many generous individuals and groups have made our work possible!

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Promoting Independence

Housing Unlimited provides affordable housing for people in mental health recovery who are ready to live independently in Montgomery County. Our tenants celebrate their independence and cherish the opportunity to have traditional housing in the community that is accessible to public transportation, shopping, employment opportunities and support services. Tenants pay rent on a sliding scale. Many embrace the chance to be involved with our Tenants Council and pursue education and employment that previously may have been out of reach.

We have purchased each of our 78 homes with generous philanthropic support. These gifts enable us to leverage below-market loans and grants from state and county government.

Forging Effective Partnerships

We collaborate with nonprofit, government and community partners including Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Montgomery County Local Behavioral Health Authority, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Cornerstone Montgomery, A Wider Circle and Avodah.

WHY YOUR SUPPORT IS SO IMPORTANT

We have more than 300 individuals on our waiting list. In response, we...

• are accelerating our momentum, with a goal to acquire additional homes to accommodate even more tenants.
• look to enlist additional supporters to join our efforts.
• acknowledge and thank our current supporters, including public- and private-sector partners and individuals who make it possible for us to continue to expand to meet acute and ever-growing needs.

Housing Unlimited opens doors of opportunity to help people lead more independent and fulfilling lives. Your support helps us reach even more people in need of safe, affordable homes.
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The Invisible Hand Foundation, Inc., helps lift our neighbors over obstacles in the form of very targeted, timely financial contributions. Our benefactors and recipients are anonymous to one another. In a relatively short time, our foundation has made a major impact on the lives of many of our neighbors. We are not seeking contributions. Our goal is for fellow philanthropists to create their own vehicles for community-based, anonymous giving so the impact of this special form of giving can multiply.

1. **Why Anonymous Giving?**
   Supporting the less fortunate anonymously is the purest form of giving. In today’s day and age of instant recognition and notoriety through social media, we have lost the art of helping others simply for the sake of helping others. Anonymous giving was trumpeted as long ago as the twelfth century by the noted philosopher Maimonides, who identified anonymous giving to anonymous recipients as a highest level of charity. The Invisible Hand Foundation wants to reinvigorate anonymous giving.

2. **Identify Your Specific Mission**
   We all know people who are facing specific obstacles whom we would like to help. It might be victims of natural disasters or fires. It might be those suffering from a particular type of illness who can’t afford the right medical attention. It might be people in your community living without something we all take for granted. It could be anyone. Identify those you have a passion to help.

3. **Establish a Vehicle to Support Your Anonymous Giving**
   If you will be providing funds to support your mission, you will need to create a vehicle to anonymously dispense those funds. The Invisible Hand Foundation is a non-profit corporation registered with the IRS that does just that. Our benefactors are confidential, and we maintain the confidentiality of our recipients. We are available to advise you on how to construct your own organization to do the same.

4. **Establish the Process to Identify and Vet Your Recipients**
   Once you have identified your community and mission you will need to create the framework to provide them with timely, anonymous help. While it’s not hard, figuring it all out is not as easy as it may seem. You will need a system to identify those meeting your mission statement and confirm the legitimacy of each candidate’s need while maintaining confidentiality. It took us a little while to get it figured out, but The Invisible Hand Foundation has successfully built its system within these parameters and is available to help you build yours. Learn from our mistakes!

5. **Build Your Network**
   As your mission grows, it’s important to build and maintain the network of people and organizations that help you identify your mission recipients so your network can continue to fill your pipeline with potential candidates fitting your mission. Again, we can help you.

If you would like more information about creating and maintaining an entity and process to undertake community-based anonymous giving, please contact John or Roxana Pierce at:

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