



The County of San Diego links homeless San Diegans who suffer from mental illness to supportive housing as a first step towards stability and recovery.

Atmosphere

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Project Description

Atmosphere is a new construction/ urban infill development located in downtown San Diego. This development helped revitalize a site that had been vacant since 2004. Atmosphere includes studios, one, two and three-bedroom apartment units. The community includes 51 supportive housing units set aside for formerly homeless individuals. Of those units, 31 are designated as permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness who are eligible for supportive services under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) housing program. The program links individuals with mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to permanent housing and social services.

Atmosphere amenities include:

- ❖ 24-hour front desk staffing
- ❖ Community center
- ❖ Open central courtyard
- ❖ Kids' play area
- ❖ Rooftop deck
- ❖ Laundry facilities

Resident services include:

- ❖ After school programs
- ❖ Job readiness
- ❖ Computer tutorials
- ❖ Financial education workshops

Atmosphere is designed for individuals and families earning up to 60% of Average Median Income (AMI), including units restricted to 30% AMI and below.

This \$79,000,000 project was financed with 4% tax credits, 9% tax credits, state infill funding, MHSA and Project-Based Section 8 vouchers.

TOTAL COST	\$79,000,000
MHSA CAPITAL FUNDS	\$3,487,066

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Total Units	205
MHSA Units	31
Supportive Housing Units	51

Grand Opening **May 2017**

Full Service Partnership (FSP):

Community Research Foundation

Why is this project here?

The goal of Atmosphere is to provide safe, affordable housing linked to social services to promote residential stability and self-sufficiency. The residents in the 31 MHSA designated apartments are screened by the Full Service Partnership provider, Community Research Foundation (CRF), and must meet the participation requirements of CRF's adult program, IMPACT. The goal of Atmosphere is to provide engaging and voluntary supportive services for all eligible tenants to enable their recovery for a healthier, more productive life.

Residents in the 31 permanent supportive housing units are eligible to receive services and support from CRF's IMPACT program, which include intensive, personalized care and 24/7 crisis intervention. These services utilize the evidence-based practice of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), which provides individuals a high level of community care and support. Centrally located where Balboa Park meets Downtown San Diego, residents at Atmosphere enjoy easy access to public transportation, employment, health services, recreation, museums, the San Diego Public Library, the San Diego Zoo, PETCO Park and public schools.

Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation has extensive experience developing affordable rental housing throughout California. Wakeland applied high-end quality construction and innovation to this development.

What is MHSA "supportive housing"?

Supportive housing is a community-based service model that provides housing integrated with support services, such as: mental health services, primary health care, alcohol and drug services, case management, and social services to help homeless individuals with mental illness gain stability and live more productive lives.

Supportive Housing consists of two main components: permanent housing and social and mental health services. The combination of a stable home, coupled with access to mental health and social services, medical care, counseling, education and employment, has been proven to benefit not only the participants, but their neighborhoods and communities as a whole.

As of January 2018, an estimated 8,576 people are homeless in San Diego. Roughly 30 percent of unsheltered homeless individuals have mental illness, a major contributing factor to their homelessness.

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is partnering with service providers and housing developers to address the dual stigmas of homelessness and mental illness. The partnership recognizes that housing matters, because a stable home in combination with social and mental health services can break the cycle of homelessness.

Home is where recovery begins.

For more information about:

MHSAs Housing Matters campaign
www.HousingMattersSD.org

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