

Minnesota DHS Community Service/Community Services Development Grant Application
Narrative

Organization/Lead Agency: The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society d/b/a Bethany Good Samaritan Village and Woodland Good Samaritan Village

Project Title: Samaritan House II

Submission Date: October 15, 2004

County in Project Service Area: Crow Wing County

Area Agency in Project Service Area: Central Minnesota Council on Aging

Applicant Organization is a: For Profit ____ Not for Profit X

Has this application been changed due to the suggestion of a county or Area Agency on Aging?
Yes X No _____

I. Describe the overall design of the project. Include service package to be provided including who and how many persons it will serve and the geographic area.

Woodland Good Samaritan Village and Bethany good Samaritan Village are submitting an application for a Capital and Renovation Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00. If selected as a recipient of this grant, we would use the money to construct "Samaritan House II" a joint project between Woodland Good Samaritan Village and Bethany Good Samaritan Village, both located in Brainerd, Minnesota. Both provide a wide range of housing and service options to the elderly population. Both centers have solid roots in the community evidenced by their consistently high census, a strong local advisory board made up of high profile members of the community, strong partnerships with other key service providers in the area, and significant volunteer and financial support. The Samaritan House concept was developed to meet the changing needs of the growing elderly population in the area. Each "Samaritan House" serves a group of 16 residents with specific similar needs. The geographic area served depends on the where the referrals come from, although the service location will be Brainerd, Minnesota.

II. Describe the need and/or opportunity your project addresses and how that need was determined. Cite the information used to determine the need.

This model of care is not new to the Brainerd Lakes area. Bethany Good Samaritan Village has operated "Bethany House", a 10-bed home for people with early to mid stages of dementia since 1997. Bethany House always has a large waiting list. The reason for such a long list is client, family and staff satisfaction are all exceedingly high. In fact, it was the success of Bethany House that prompted the two organizations to envision the joint project of Samaritan House. The Gaps analysis done by Crow Wing in 2001 shows that there is a need for additional 171 long term care units in this area by 2010. Crow Wing County is also known as a great area for retirement because of its beautiful scenery, good health care, and high quality of life. Therefore, there are a significant number of pre-retired or retired individuals and couples who are moving to the area. Crow Wing County Social Services has been contacted, and they are very supportive of this new project. Over the past 10 plus years, both centers have been focusing on expanding the amount and types of housing and services it provides to meet the areas increasing elderly population and the desire for a wider range of service options including alternative to long term care service choices.

III. Describe how your project addresses the need or opportunity above.

Samaritan House I has been designed and constructed for care of residents with early stages of dementia. It is expected to open October 1, 2004, and already has a waiting list. We are requesting funds to build Samaritan House II that would serve individuals who currently live in one of our long term care facilities or are considering a move to a long term care facility, but could be better served in the least restrictive setting of a Samaritan House. Samaritan House II will be targeted to serve individuals with a wide range of health care needs. Samaritan House I and II (and any future developments like it) will be located on the beautiful north woods campus of Woodland Good Samaritan Village.

We are anticipating minor changes to the Samaritan House I plan. We will be increasing the square footage of Samaritan House II to 8000 square feet to meet with accessibility needs of its residents. The house consists of 16 private resident rooms with a private bathroom (toilet and sink) for each room. The house is designed in such a way that there are two corridors with 8 rooms on each corridor, serving a total of 16 residents. In the center there are two kitchens, two dining rooms, two living rooms and two sunrooms. The purpose of this is to provide one of each of these areas for each corridor. There is a common bathing room, common laundry room, a public restroom, an office, a medication/supply storage room and two utility/storage rooms. There are 20 parking spaces in the Samaritan House II parking lot. Services include the following items: a single furnished bedroom, a private bathroom (toilet and sink), spacious and accessible living room, dining area, kitchen and porch to encourage participation in the day to day routines of the home, three meals per day along with snacks (prepared in the home-like kitchen at the house), religious services, social services, registered nurse consultation and dietary consultation, laundry, housekeeping, personal care, 24-hour staffing, and a wide range activities, which encourage family participation and support.

This proposed service would become part of a continuum of care currently offering long-term care, assisted living, senior independent living, and adult day services on the same campus. It would also mesh with other settings in the community such as informal and quasi-formal services. Key coordination and collaboration efforts include Brainerd Medical Center, St. Joseph's Medical Center/Hospital, senior citizens center, local businesses, local churches and other civic organizations. We have more than 200 active volunteers who support residents in a wide range of areas. In addition to the general volunteers, we also have active auxiliaries that promote fund raising for both campuses. All of these services and collaborative partnerships would be available to residents at Samaritan House II. The residents that would reside in this facility would take pleasure in a home like environment complete with dedicated caregivers who frequently become an extension of their own family. Because the Samaritan House concept focuses on creating a flexible home-like environment, it gives its residents more opportunities to make day to day choices how they want to live their lives. It has proven to be a model brings high satisfaction residents, their families, and caregivers.

IV. Describe how the new project will become financially sustainable. Include existing and anticipated revenue sources used to achieve financial sustainability-and when sustainability will be achieved.

The total cost to build Samaritan House II would be nearly one million dollars. Because of the current and anticipated needs in the area, this grant is critical for our organization to build Samaritan House II quickly. If this grant were not obtained, we would be unable to build this house for an unknown length of time while we raised the money needed to break ground through fundraising and other means. This could take several years. As indicated by our work plan, if the grant was given to us, we would be able to begin the project immediately, and would be ready to break ground in the spring of 2005. We would match the \$250,000.00 grant by obtaining a mortgage, fundraising, and other possible grants. The anticipated average rate for housing and services at Samaritan House II would be around \$2,665.00 per month. All

units would be available for residents receiving Elderly Waiver and Alternative Care Grant monies, as well as private pay. The exact mix of pay sources would be determined by the referrals themselves. Once the home is built, it will be highly sustainable by resident fees. It is anticipated that sustainability will be achieved in the second year in which residents occupy the home.

If applicable, provide the name and address of one nursing facility in the project's service area that has or is permanently closing beds under MS 256B.436 or closed NF beds after June 30, 2004. On August 1, 2004, Bethany Good Samaritan Village, 805 Wright Street, Brainerd, MN 56401 closed 8 long-term care beds.