

SANCTUARY VILLAGE

WELCOME

As the season changes, the ads for political candidates are ramping up. Soon we will all have campaign ad fatigue, surely. May the candidates who are truly concerned about providing for the need of all, especially our most vulnerable, be the ones who get our vote. Be sure and vote in November.

Happy Fall!

Cathy

Board President

Sponsor a House!



We would love for you or your organization to sponsor a tiny house! To sponsor the costs of an entire house (including foundation and electrical hook-up), we are asking for \$20,000. You can also choose to sponsor at a lower level – please see the various levels of sponsorship below. Anyone who sponsors a house, at any of the levels listed below, will be listed on a plaque on the house itself, as well as on our website.

Contractor:	\$5,000 donation
Construction Manager:	\$10,000 donation
Master Builder:	\$15,000 donation
Architect:	\$20,000 donation

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WHAT'S NEW

HAPPENINGS

Recent updates on various Sanctuary Village happenings.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Learn more about how you can contribute to our worthwhile mission.

LET'S CONNECT

We want to hear from you!

Don't want to wait until our next newsletter to find out what's going on with Sanctuary Village?

Visit our website at:

<https://www.tinyhousecommunity.org>

Happenings

Steps Forward For Our Village. Representatives from the city and Sanctuary Village attended the Holmesburg Registered Community Organization (RCO) meeting on September 13. After giving an overview of the site and operations plans for the village, and a question and answer session, the RCO vote was 100% unopposed for a zoning variance for Sanctuary Village. We are so grateful to the residents of Holmesburg for their support of this project.



Rendering of Future Village by Harman Deutsch Ohler Architecture.

Welcome Aboard!



We welcome Sebastian Downs to the Sanctuary Village board. Sebastian is an engineer, contractor, realtor, and co-founder of Greenest Homes, a sustainability - oriented housing redevelopment company in Philadelphia. He has volunteered for housing projects with Habitat for Humanity and served with AmeriCorps and Engineers Without Borders. Sebastian recognizes that all people deserve access to safe reliable housing and is glad to be able to provide that through Sanctuary Village. We are thrilled to have him on our team.

More House Sponsorships! Sanctuary Village is excited to announce three more tiny houses have been sponsored by: (1) St Paul's Lutheran Church in Glenside PA (thanks to the tireless fundraising efforts of Mare Livezey); (2) a generous anonymous donor; and (3) Catherine and Lou Farrell with a matching gift from Johnson& Johnson.

Upcoming Events

13th Annual Oktoberfest



Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 120 N. Easton Rd., Glenside, PA

When: Saturday, October 1 from 12-6pm

Sanctuary Village will have a table and be sharing information at this fun, festive event! Come enjoy some German food, music, and beer. Hope to see you there!

Visit <http://stpaulsglenside.org/oktoberfest-2015/> for tickets & more info!

Harvest Festival



Where: Resurrection Lutheran Church, 620 Welsh Rd, Horsham, PA

When: Sunday, October 2 from 12-3pm

There will be live music, food, and beer and local wine tastings, and specialty auction baskets as well as treats from the community garden. All proceeds will benefit Sanctuary Village, so please come out, have fun and support the tiny house project!

Visit <https://rchorsham.org/harvest-festival-fundraiser/> for more information!

Let's Connect!

Instagram: @phillysanctuaryvillage ■ Facebook: Sanctuary Village Philadelphia

Recent Fundraisers

Kids Clothing Sale. On a sunny Saturday in Hatfield, PA at Grace Lutheran Church, board member Cathy Farrell led a gently used kids clothing sale to benefit Sanctuary Village as well as local parents (items were priced at \$1 or \$2). We extend a big thank you to the individuals and organizations who contributed the items for sale (everything was new or like new). We feel good about this effort since it not only benefited Sanctuary Village but also local parents, and our planet, by encouraging reuse of articles of clothing, rather than buying new.



A happy customer.

How You Can Help

There are plenty of ways for you to help support Sanctuary Village:

Buy a Brick! Brick by brick you can help us build a village! Purchase a brick that will be built into the landscape of the village.

Plant the Future. For \$35, Sanctuary Village will send you a 3D printed tiny house planter for you to plant and enjoy.

Wear Pretty Jewelry! We are honored that Linda Bucher, a resident of Media, is making beautiful jewelry and donating all of the proceeds to Sanctuary Village! Visit her site by searching for "PurpleSunflowerRose".

Matching Gifts. If your employer makes matching contributions, please consider making a gift to Sanctuary Village and having it matched. Any amount helps!

Shop for a Cause. Find the latest fashions and support Sanctuary Village by shopping at Rebel Girl Thrift. This virtual thrift store has a focus on sustainability and recycling. In addition to high quality women's pieces from brands like Banana Republic, Michael Kors and UGG, non-saleable items are upcycled into new, unique pieces. With a portion of every sale donated to Sanctuary Village, you can feel good about shopping! Visit RebelGirlThrift.com and use code VILLAGE at checkout to save 15%.



5K Home Run. On Saturday, September 17, the 5K Home Run took place, thanks to Board member, Pastor Serena Sellers and her folks at Christ Lutheran Church in Harleysville. Runners and walkers made their way along the country roads around Kulpville, PA on a lovely, early Fall morning. We want to thank our generous sponsors for the event, and all the people who participated and volunteered at this wonderful event!



A July 2022 article by Erika Lundahl for [YES! Magazine](#) had the below:

The real cost of homelessness

Efforts to break through the red tape and raise money to house the homeless almost always pay off for a community. Even the most expensive tiny-house projects—such as a new, ambitious \$6-million campaign to build a 200-person tiny-house park this year in Austin, Texas—can't rival the cost of homelessness to taxpayers, which was more than \$10 million per year in Austin, for example.

"Chronically homeless people—people who have disabilities and are homeless for long periods of time—can be very expensive to systems of public care," explains Roman. In 2007, the National Alliance to End Homelessness compiled three studies showing that it costs the same or less money to provide permanent housing as it does to allow people to remain homeless. In Denver, Colo., a housing program for the homeless reduced the costs of public services (including medical services, temporary shelter, and costs associated with arrests and incarceration) by an estimated \$15,773 per person per year, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Government officials and city planners are beginning to see the tiny-house village as one viable solution for addressing homelessness.

"It's certainly something that we would encourage other communities to take a

look at when it comes to creating solutions for housing the chronically homeless," says Lee Jones, a spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. "It's a very important step in terms of the kinds of services we should be providing to people that need assistance."

Currently, the various efforts to house the homeless in tiny-house villages comprise a small and pioneering movement. But each new project helps create lessons and a model for other communities.

For example, Quixote Village, as a recipient of state funding, is considered a "pilot" project: It is required to report its progress to the state legislature in five years. In the meantime, says Severn, the residents will be settling in, putting in garden beds, building a carpentry workshop, searching for jobs, and simply living their lives.

"One of our residents has been homeless for about 25 years," Severn says. "He told me he's excited to start a little rose garden. It really touched me to hear that."

Article excerpted from:

<https://charterforcompassion.org/problem-solving/tiny-houses-for-the-homeless-an-affordable-solution-catches-on>

