

Housing Program With the Mentally Ill

Introduction:

- DOMI (Disciples Outreach to the Mentally Ill), has as its mission housing for the recovering mentally ill and is a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Texas, the Southwest Region, www.ccsww.org/DOMI.
- They provide affordable housing for the purpose of rehabilitating people experiencing mental illness.
- They look for opportunities to make housing investments in areas where they can work with service partners.

History:

- Beginning in 1984 until early 2023, DOMI provided housing at Harbor House in Austin, with services provided through partnerships. This home provided safe housing for 4-9 people at a time.
- Since 2002, DOMI has provided housing in 18 duplexes at the Bud O'Keefe Village in San Antonio.
- Throughout Texas, affordable housing is in short supply (see Out of Reach 2022, [OOR 2022 Mini-Book.pdf](#)). DOMI helps to solve this problem by making housing affordable for a population that is often poor, has functional limitations related to mental illness, may have experienced homelessness or other trauma, and may have difficulties with substance use.

Solutions

Seek a service partner that will work with you to tailor housing investment(s). DOMI's successful history includes a group setting and individual units.

Possible options to consider include:

- Purchase of large home; possible improvements to that home.
- Purchase of small apartment complex.
- Purchase of duplexes (clustered together or scattered).
- Purchase of tiny homes.
- Purchase of single room occupancy or motel available for renovation.

If you might be interested in this kind of ministry, we can help you connect to learn about options that could work within your community.

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