

Sarah's . . an Oasis for Women: September 2022 Report

Occupancy:

6 women moved out between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Because we also had some open rooms because of the pandemic and still movement moving **in** during this time I am also going to tell you that we had **6** women move in during this time. This leaves us with, of our 30 rooms, 5 still open like we did when we started taking new residents following COVID's start in May 2021. Just a different 5!

Accomplishments of note:

6 women moved into Sarah's and each started to connect to resources and support and found safety and community at Sarah's!

6 women moved on from Sarah's and now have permanent housing:

- 1 purchased her home and her family joined her from her home country
- 1 found a permanent roommate to share expenses and they moved into an apartment together
- 1 moved into subsidized senior housing
- 1 found an affordable apartment and now has her child with her
- 1 found a good job and an apartment
- 1 moved into housing with others to share the expense

6 women are working on their family cases for asylum and are near to their families being approved by their home countries to get travel documents to come to the US where permanent residence has already been approved and are working on finding family housing, support, and are being referred by Sarah's to agencies we work with for furniture and household items.

12 women are going to various types of school programs and 5 received scholarships Spring 2022 for tuition and books for Fall 2022 from Sarah's new scholarship fund which we hope that the grant from Bremer can help us to grow for the coming year.

2 women will obtain affordable next-step housing through a new program from Sarah's in 2023 and are in the process of signing agreements to rent a room at Sarah's.

3 purchased low-cost laptops through a program Sarah's refers to at PC's for People

4 became participants in Sarah's new household gym / swim membership with the Jewish Community Center (JCC)

2 in summer 2022 were selected from all those who applied from Sarah's and elsewhere for the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 waiting list to obtain Section 8 vouchers to live in private rate housing with a voucher (which supports them in paying 30% of their income towards rent making it affordable)