



## **Executive Summary**

Cedric Dean Homes, LLC. is a standard and licensed peer support facility that will be located in the heart of Shelby in a neatly renovated and secured spacious housing facility. Our emergency housing facility has an **active financial literacy program** run throughout the day, where the residents receive comprehensive individual and group instruction for their money management challenges while they establish a budgeting support network, secure new employment, and find new housing. Residents stay for one to six months.

Cedric Dean Homes, LLC. is a peer-support program that is owned and managed by Mr. Cedric Dean. Mr. Dean is a licensed N.C. Peer Support Specialist with over 25 years' experience working with people who have experienced trauma and he is truly passionate when it comes to providing emergency housing.

## **Our Services**

Peer Support Services (PSS) are an evidenced-based emergency housing model of care that provides community-based wraparound services directly to a person experiencing homelessness.

## **Our Mission and Vision Statement**

- Our vision is to become the number one solution when it comes to emergency housing in the whole of Cleveland County and also to be amongst the top 20 emergency housing facilities in the United States of America within the next 5 years.
- Our mission is to provide emergency housing that will meet and surpass the needs of all the residents of our facility.

## **Pathway to Affordable Housing**

### **Projected Outcomes:**

- Increase public safety by engaging, selecting, orienting, training, coaching, mentoring, and empowering people experiencing homelessness; communicating values, strategies, and objectives; assigning accountabilities; planning, monitoring, and appraising community impact.
- Creating, communicating, and implementing the organization's vision, mission, and overall direction – i.e. leading the development and implementation of the overall organization's strategy to provide emergency employment and housing for people experiencing homelessness, thus making them tax paying citizens.
- Identify individual and group programs to help residents find permanent housing
- Evaluate residents' abilities, interests, experience, skills, health, and education
- Develop a treatment plan in consultation with other professionals, such as doctors, therapists, and psychologists
- Create rehabilitation or treatment plans based on residents' values, strengths, limitations, and goals
- Arrange for residents to obtain wraparound services, such as medical care or career training



- Help employers understand the needs and abilities of people who are experiencing homelessness, as well as laws and resources that impact people with disabilities
- Assist residents in creating strategies to develop their strengths and adjust to their limitations
- Monitor residents' progress and adjust the permanent housing plan as necessary
- Advocate for the rights of people who are experiencing homelessness to live in the community and work in the job of their choice.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How Does Emergency Housing Work?

We conduct character education development, such as life skills and **Moral Reconciliation Therapy** – effective systematic, cognitive-behavioral approaches that addresses a wide range of core causes of homelessness, including substance abuse, domestic violence, trauma, parenting, job skills, and other issues. The programs are implemented in groups in the community room utilizing videos and workbooks directly targeting specific housing-related-issues.

Everyone who lives at the home attends financial literacy programs while also maintaining or seeking employment. In some instances, people who live in Cedric Dean Homes may seek educational opportunities instead of employment. Residents are encouraged to find a normal daily routine, which includes regular ongoing planning for permanent housing.

### 2. What Are The Goals Of Cedric Dean Homes?

The goal of Cedric Dean Homes is to provide temporary homes designed to aid people who are transitioning into permanent living situations. These residences provide a structured environment and crucial support to people experiencing homelessness.

### 3. How Long Can You Stay In A Cedric Dean Home?

The amount of time you'll stay at a Cedric Dean House varies, but most stays are between one to three months.

### 4. Who is eligible for Cedric Dean Homes?

An "eligible individual" is defined as a person experiencing homelessness in which at least meets the following criteria:

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing indefinite homelessness or housing instability; and
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI)