

Center for Respite Care, Inc.

Medical Recovery for People who are Homeless

3550 Washington Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229



The Center for Respite Care is a 14-bed 24-hour facility for homeless people who are either too sick for a shelter or have been recently discharged from a hospital and need a safe place for recuperation. These patients receive basic short-term medical and nursing care, as well as social services for an average of 2-3 weeks while they recover from illnesses. The Center currently serves single homeless adults with acute medical needs. Approximately 80% are male, 66% African American, average age is 48 (75% are between age 40 and 59), 79% are physically or developmentally disabled and over 80% suffer from behavioral health issues. Less

than 20% of Respite clients are on Medicaid or Medicare.

HPCUMC has supported the Center since it's opening in October 2003. Through our relationship with the Center we hope to raise the awareness within our congregation of not only the plight of the homeless in our community, but of those that are homeless and suffering from the effects of ill health.

Our support has focused on the comfort needs of the clients served. Our congregation has provided special meals for holidays, bibles, handcrafted blankets, decorations, personal care items, underwear, clothing, winter coats, fleece blankets, laundry detergent, phone cards for clients, and attempted to meet the transportation needs of clients by providing bus tokens. During the Centers recent relocation HPCUMC provided space, meals and activities to clients for the day.

We invite you to stop by the bulletin board to see Respite's story as seen through the eyes of some of the HPCUMC volunteers.

Our next activity to help our friends at Respite will be to collect **new packaged socks and underwear**.

If you are interested in finding out more about Respite and how you can be in service, please call Ruth Young (533-3042) or Sue Cober (271-7547).