



Joseph & Mary's Home

Back to Health and Forward to Stability

Joseph & Mary's Home (JMH) is Northeast Ohio's first medical respite program, providing adults experiencing homelessness and acute medical needs with a safe, welcoming place to heal with dignity. By bridging the gap between hospitals, shelters and housing, JMH gives residents the time, choice and tailored support they need to heal and build a more stable future.

Joseph & Mary's Home provides 21 private rooms—10 for women and 11 for men—along with nutritious meals, case management and connections to resources that help residents improve their health and move toward stable housing.

By the Numbers in 2025

- **45%** of residents were experiencing chronic homelessness as defined by HUD
- **81** days average length of stay
- **53%** of residents were age **55** or older
- **79%** had at least one chronic medical condition alongside acute medical needs

Medical Respite: Filling a Gap Between Hospital and Shelter

For more than 26 years, JMH has served as a critical bridge for adults experiencing homelessness who are ready to leave a medical facility but still need a safe place to fully recover. While a hospital stay can cost \$3,000 to \$5,000 per person per day, JMH serves each resident for less than \$300 per day with 24/7 support that includes nursing care, medical oversight, peer support, benefits navigation, transportation and assistance to transition to stable housing. With the support needed to move to greater stability, Joseph & Mary's Home breaks the costly cycle of emergency room visits, premature discharge and re-hospitalization, freeing hospital beds and emergency resources.



Mission in Action

Medical respite reflects Catholic Social Teaching by affirming the dignity of every person as made in God's image. Joseph & Mary's Home puts the principles of Preferential Option for the Poor, the Common Good and Solidarity into action by ensuring that our most vulnerable neighbors have access to safety, care and stability.

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