The Business of Housing the Homeless

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“Find the Need and Endeavor to Meet It.”

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Endeavoring to Meet the Need

Miami Valley Housing Opportunities
(www.mvho.net)

- Founded in 1991
- Primary Business: Property Development and Property Management for vulnerable populations;
- P.A.T.H – Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness; SLATE; Returning Home Ohio, Street Outreach, City Links
- Total Number of Employees: 45
- Total Annual Budget $7.8M
- Service Area: Montgomery County
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Permanent Supportive Housing ("PSH")

- MVHO owns and maintains over 500 units of housing for disabled individuals and families;
- Definition: Permanent housing coupled with supportive services;
  - Lease Rights
  - MVHO Resident Services
  - 24 Hour Maintenance Services
- Best Practice
- Different Models
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Other Ways to Meet the Need

MVHO administers approximately 500 subsidies

- Shelter + Care, Various Subsidies through Local Continuum of Care

MVHO manages Properties for Third Parties

- New Hope Villa
- River Commons
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Types of Funding

- Supportive Services
- Development
- Operational
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The Challenges

- Lack of Subsidies and Service Funding
- Employment Opportunities
- Eliminating Myths
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The Vision
A Community where everyone can go "Home"