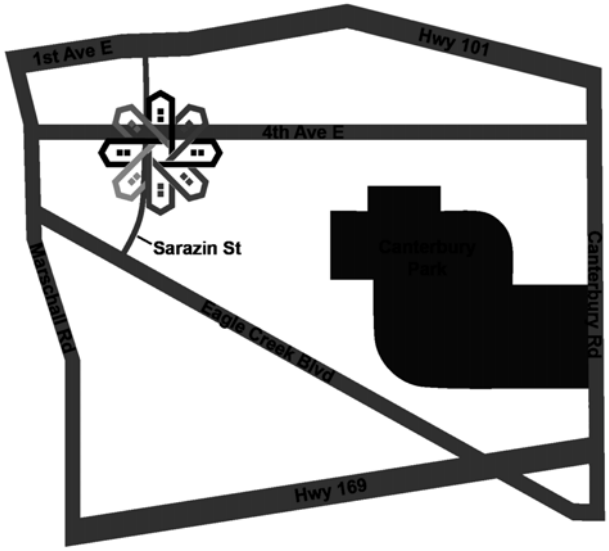
Prairie Pointe in Shakopee
Supportive Housing for Families



The Essentials
- About 50 high-quality, well-managed apartment homes.
- Homes for families who make less than $30,000 a year.
- One, two, and three-bedroom apartments.
- Individualized on-site support services.

Why Shakopee?
- Scenic parks, world-class entertainment, a growing economy and highly-regarded schools are ideal for families.
- Family homelessness is rising in Carver and Scott counties. Prairie Pointe will provide homes for many of these families, offering them stability where parents and children alike can flourish.
- We value looking out for one another. It's a big piece of what makes towns like Shakopee great places to live and grow.

Supportive Housing
- Tailored support helps children do better in school, parents increase income, and families improve long-term health.
- Supportive housing is a proven model for ending homelessness and housing instability for families.



To create Prairie Pointe, we will need:

Congregation Members and Supporters to...
...show up in support at key moments; make a gift to support the work needed before the shovel hits the ground; spread the word about why you support Prairie Pointe; schedule a tour at a Beacon building to learn more about supportive housing.

Public Officials to...
...approve land use and zoning decisions; champion and secure public funding for rental assistance, support services, and capital.

To get involved, contact Deb Rodgers:
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Beacon
INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

About Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative

Beacon's vision is that all people have a home. We are a collaborative of congregations united in action to create homes and advance equitable housing. By leveraging our collective power, we develop and sustain affordable homes, shelter families, and work to change systems. Our focus is on families, seniors, young adults and others with very low incomes, and those who are experiencing homelessness. For more information, visit www.beaconinterfaith.org.

About Volunteers of America - MN and WI

Volunteers of America is dedicated to helping America's most vulnerable by providing a wide array of health and human services. Its diverse array of services crosses a spectrum of intersecting needs— from housing to health to education to employment— allowing the organization to take a broad view of community needs and offering a holistic and integrated approach to its work. Volunteers of America is a ministry of service dedicated to helping those in need rebuild their lives and reach their full potential. For more information, visit www.voamn.org.

Jessica's Family Thrives in Supportive Housing

September 24 will always be special for Jessica. On that day, her son exclaimed, "It's 5 o'clock, mama, and we don't have to go anywhere. We get to stay right here!" On September 24, 2010, Jessica moved out of temporary shelter (and its 5p.m. check-ins) and into her own apartment with her two sons. It was a day that changed her life.



The boys are a little taller now, and 5 o'clock often comes and goes unnoticed in their busy lives. Lives centered in the joy of home – their own home – at Beacon's Audubon Crossing apartments.

While living in supportive housing, Jessica has grown her career and her confidence. "I've really come to believe in myself, and know I'm not alone," she beams. She meets regularly with an advocate, finding a listening ear and a trusted presence to connect her with resources.

For Jessica, having supportive housing means stability. It means she can afford to invest in her boys' school and give back to her community. And it means she doesn't have to worry whether it's 5 o'clock or September 24: she's home.