



## Help Us Build a Legacy

Community | Independence | Affordability

In DuPage County,

struggle with finding affordable housing

## 17.5 million

Currently the number of 80-andover households in the U.S.

Housing costs are

1 of the 5 main reasons for the rise of homelessness in seniors

\$19,841

Average annual income of Martin Avenue Apartments' residents

Average monthly cost of independent living in DuPage County — \$821 more than the national average

\$3,471







9,000+

Residents that Martin Avenue Apartments has been honored to support over the past five decades

One-time donation that would pay for a holiday meal or fitness class \$50

Post COVID-19, **49.4%** of community members are struggling with financial issues

\$493

Average monthly rental costs of a Martin Avenue Apartment

70%

NEH Non-Profit's total expenses spen on the programs and services that benefit Martin Avenue Apartments' residents



Imagine feeling like the place you call home is no longer secure. Unfortunately for our seniors, homelessness, isolation, and insecurity about the future is a growing crisis.

Senior adults struggle immensely with the impending challenges that age brings, which can create risk about their financial and physical future. Without a community to support them, they become fearful of their future.

### **Dedicated to Our Community**

Since 1973, Martin Avenue Apartments has been committed to ensuring DuPage County's lower-income seniors and persons with disabilities can live safe and independent lives.

### Supporting our Seniors in Need

By providing struggling seniors with affordable homes, fulfilling lifestyles, and reliable resources, Martin Avenue Apartments is pushing its mission forward.

### Let's Provide a Safety Net Together!

We need you! Learn about how your monetary donation or sponsorship will help secure the future of our residents for years to come.



### DuPage County's Premiere Subsidized Living Facility

Stepping in amidst the growing senior housing crisis, Martin Avenue Apartments offers a one-of-a-kind, welcoming, accessible, and flexible environment where aging individuals and persons with disabilities can live safely and thrive independently.

At Martin Avenue Apartments, our 200 residents enjoy amenities such as a:

- Library
- Computer lab
- Bistro
- Movie theater
- Fitness room

- Open spaces like a courtyard and solarium
- Complimentary bus service
- Beauty salon

We transform lives by providing residents with affordable homes, fulfilling lifestyles, and reliable senior community resources. We offer:

- 190 fully-equipped modern apartments
- Including 81 studio apartments, 105 one and 2 two bedroom apartments
- 16 units that can accommodate disabled residents.

#### Martin Avenue Apartments isn't just a building

- The staff treats each resident with respect, humanity, and dignity.
- Many participate in our active-lifestyle programs, such as clubs, bingo, movies, dancing, and shopping trips.
- Residents often find companionship, togetherness, and belonging while living here.



# Q&A: The Gift of Secure Living

### Why is affordable housing so important to our aging and disabled neighbors?

Aging or living with a disability is physically and emotionally taxing. But for those who are also struggling financially — in many cases, for the first time in their lives — it can be devastating. These adults and their loved ones, usually their adult children, are unexpectedly facing the bleak reality that their existing homes and lifestyles are no longer feasible or financially secure. Confronted with limited affordable housing options, they feel helpless, alone and scared. Martin Avenue Apartments is often their last stop before homelessness.

### Is it difficult for them to find affordable and safe housing?

It's extremely difficult and getting even harder. The shortage of affordable housing for the growing senior population and persons with disabilities is a very serious crisis. As rental costs skyrocket, it's becoming nearly impossible for financially struggling seniors to secure affordable, comfortable and safe apartments where they can find relief, peace, sustenance, and encouragement. And with soaring inflation showing no signs of slowing, many simply can't handle expenses such as food, clothes and medical bills.



### Why should I donate to Martin Avenue Apartments?

Our community's seniors and disabled individuals are experiencing an affordable housing crisis that is only getting worse. Martin Avenue Apartments is a unique model community that provides secure, safe and affordable living options to our aging and disabled adults.

Its 50-year history, and its legacy and expertise mean it's an organization everyone can trust. Serving and genuinely caring for the lower-income senior and the disabled population is at the heart of our values.

Naperville Elderly Homes (NEH), Martin Avenue Apartments' nonprofit owner and operator, is a 501(c) (3) public registered U.S.-based nonprofit organization that consistently meets the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost-effectiveness.

### How will my support make a difference?

Martin Avenue Apartments is run by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. Over the years, we have worked hard helping nearly 10,000 seniors and persons with disabilities find residences and avoid homelessness.

We provide countless programs and services that benefit our residents. We give our residents a sense of security, independence and togetherness while removing their feelings of hopelessness and despair.

But we can't do it without our community's support. By making a monetary donation or sponsoring one of our programs, you are helping our residents meet their most basic needs.

You're showing our community your dedication to making Martin Avenue Apartments a better place for struggling seniors and persons with disabilities in DuPage County.



### Our Sincerest Gratitude

In addition to many individuals and the community at large, Martin Avenue Apartments is the "Charity of Choice" by many respected institutions, private foundations, and local businesses.



NEH is sincerely grateful to its sponsors for their generous donations over the years. Through this support, we've been granted the resources necessary to enhance the lives of thousands of seniors and disabled residents for 50 years.

With your ongoing generosity, we'll continue our mission to transform lives by providing residents with affordable homes, fulfilling lifestyles, and reliable senior community resources.

## Learn how you can become a Community Partner, Sponsor, or Donor

Email Executive Director, Mary Kerbs, at mary@napervilleelderlyhomes.org to discuss how you can help change the lives of seniors in DuPage County.

Visit www.martinave.org to make a donation or call (630) 357-0909 to arrange a tour of our community.

