



Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey

25th Annual New Jersey Supportive Housing Conference



Friday, November 3, 2023, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Palace at Somerset Park, 333 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873

Project of the Year Award Nomination Form



Bergenview Apartments



Village at Harmony Garden

2022 Project of the Year Winners

Have you or someone you know completed a supportive housing project that demonstrates excellence? Is the project designed to serve special needs populations such as homeless, victims of domestic violence, persons with mental, physical or developmental disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, US veterans, older adults, youth aging out of foster care, etc.

This award recognizes an outstanding supportive housing project large or small. All projects must adhere strictly with SHA's definition of supportive housing discussed in greater detail in the Award Nomination Introduction. Projects eligible for nomination must have obtained their Certificate of Occupancy after April 2022 or will be completed before December 2023.



Guidelines for Nominations

What are the Annual Supportive Housing Awards?

The Supportive Housing Awards recognize successful initiatives honoring the leadership of outstanding individuals and organizations dedicated to increasing permanent supportive housing and service opportunities for special populations in New Jersey. The awards showcase models of excellence in design, innovation, operations, and management of housing that is accessible, and affordable while maximizing services for residents who need them. The effectiveness of supportive housing depends on the willingness to take risks and experiment with ground breaking approaches and strategies. Each award is a shining example of the unwavering commitment of the nominees to transform the lives of those with special needs and inspire others on the importance of supportive housing. We encourage you to complete nomination forms for one or more the categories noted and share the success stories occurring every day in supportive housing here in New Jersey.

What is Supportive Housing?

Supportive housing is permanent, affordable, lease-based housing for people of low income with access to flexible supportive services. Supportive housing is designed for people with special needs or those facing barriers to housing including those with mental, physical and developmental disabilities as well as people who are homeless empowering independent living in the communities of their choice. Supportive housing can include a variety of models including scattered site apartments, individual apartments, shared apartments, or home ownership, and can exist within integrated housing complexes mixing supportive and non-supported residents in a community. Supportive services can vary but often include case management, care coordination, job and education coaching, assistance with daily living skills, transportation assistance, access to public entitlements and crisis intervention.

Award Nomination Process

You can nominate your own organization, another organization, an individual or a group who has contributed to supportive housing in New Jersey. Resubmissions of past nominations are welcome. Please see the award criteria listed for each award category for specific eligibility requirements.

All nominations must be received by 4:00 pm on August 25, 2023.

Award winners will be notified by September 11, 2023.

The SHA Awards Committee will review all fully completed nomination forms. The Committee will judge nominees according to the criteria described under each award. The decisions made by the Awards Committee are based on the information received within each nomination entry packet, including supplementary materials. Any member of the SHA Awards Committee with a personal connection to a nominee shall refrain from review and discussion of that particular nomination.

Awards will be presented during the 25th Annual Conference held at The Palace in Somerset on November 3, 2023.



Project of the Year (Up to two Projects will be awarded per year)

All projects being considered for nomination must meet a majority of the following criteria:

- Provides permanent, affordable, lease-based housing to special needs populations
- Enables tenants to live as independently as possible in the community
- Promotes diversity, social inclusion, integration, and adds to the quality of life for the residents and the surrounding community
- Offers residents a full range of independent life choices and supportive service programs to assist tenants to move towards independence and self-sufficiency
- Is in close proximity to transportation, employment opportunities, and health/wellness services
- Incorporates design excellence that addresses the needs of the tenants
- Employs cost-effectiveness including energy efficiency and sustainable development
- Special consideration will be given for nominations that set a new standard or incorporate a new idea, technology, design, device or method that is forward thinking and that has impact on community development, revitalization and collaboration
- Received broad community support
- Utilizes innovative partnerships
- Addresses a unique challenge and demonstrates creative problem solving

Reminder, SHA will contact Project Award finalists for additional information at a later date.

Award Recipients should be available for Conference Award Ceremony on November 3, 2023 at The Palace in Somerset.

Submission Directions:

Please complete the information requested in this form answering the following questions thoroughly and supply all required details and including supplemental materials. If you require additional space for text, please submit a separate Word file. Upon completion, please save this form and email it along with all supplemental materials to SHA-conference@shanj.org with your agency name and type of nomination in the subject line. If you need assistance in completing the nomination or are having difficulty with the form, please contact Joseph Christensen at j.christensen@shanj.org.

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Nominator

Name: _____

Organization/Company: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee

Project Name: _____

Project Address: _____

Project County: _____ Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Project Team

Please provide the contact information for the team members noted below as applicable. Information is necessary to ensure all members are included in communications regarding the awards as well as receiving an invitation to the conference and award ceremony.

Developer: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____

Supportive Service Provider: _____ Phone: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____

Housing Consultant: _____ Phone: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____

Architect: _____ Phone: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____

Civil Engineer: _____ Phone: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____

General Contractor: _____ Phone: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____

Financing Partners: _____ Phone: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____

Other Professional Partners: _____ Phone: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____



Basic Project Information

Type of Construction:

New Renovation / Rehabilitation / Preservation, Historic

Other, please describe: _____

Project Size: Small (less than 10) Medium (10 - 40) Large (40 +)

Total Dwelling Units: _____ Total Supportive Housing Units: _____

Unit Types (1 br, 2 br, SRO, etc.): _____

Average Unit Square Footage: _____

Date of Construction Start*: _____

Date of Construction Completion*: _____

Funding Sources: _____

** Reminder, projects eligible for nomination must have obtained their Certificate of Occupancy after April 2022 or will be completed before December 2023.*

Project Overview

In about 600 words on the following page describe the project you are nominating and two or three unique, compelling features of the project which merits the nomination. Include any innovative construction design features. Describe creative problem solving helping integrate community housing for those with special needs. Use simple language and avoid jargon where possible. This description may be edited and included in the 2023 SHA Conference program and other marketing materials related to the SHA Awards.

Supplemental Materials Required:

Please submit:

- Site plan and basic floor plan
- 3-5 images (may be photographs or renderings): Include interior and exterior photos, living and community spaces where applicable.
- For rehabilitation and/or preservation projects, provide a before and after photo of the project.
- An aerial photo of the project location (Google Map Satellite View)

Applicants are welcome to submit any other awards, press write-ups, or other pertinent information that this Project has received which you feel would further distinguish your nomination from the other projects.

Please email all additional supporting materials to SHA-conference@shanj.org.

Please use the following page for your description.



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Project Description (about 600 words)