

Bimosedaa

'Let's Walk Together'

Supportive Housing for Individuals in Downtown Minneapolis

The Essentials

- About 50 high-quality, well-managed apartment homes for individuals
- For members of the Native community who have experienced homelessness
- Created through a partnership with the Red Lake Nation
- Individualized, culturally-relevant on-site support services
- Bimosedaa is an Ojibwe word that translates into English as 'let's walk together'

Why Downtown Minneapolis?

- Easy access to multiple bus routes and both the Green and Blue light rail lines
- Excellent shopping, recreation, entertainment, and civic engagement options
- Enriches the vision of a vibrant, diverse, forward-looking downtown that welcomes everyone



Supportive Housing

- Support services through Avivo (more information on the back of this sheet)
- Intensive services focused on jobs, education, health, and community connection offer residents space to consider what the next steps might look like for them

To create Bimosedaa, 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, and spread the word about why you support Bimosedaa. Attend a Beacon Now event to learn more about supportive housing and how it fits with Beacon's vision that 'all people have a home' by visiting beaconinterfaith.org/events.

Public Officials to...

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

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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. Learn more at beaconinterfaith.org.

About Red Lake Nation

The sovereign Red Lake Nation is home of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians. Red Lake Nation plans to provide agreements for Bimosedaa that open state funding and coordinate support services. They worked with the City of Minneapolis to open a Navigation Center on tribal land as a response to the Wall of Forgotten Natives. Visit redlakenation.org to read more.

About Avivo

Avivo serves nearly 15,000 Minnesotans each year, helping them achieve recovery, employment, and economic advancement. Founded in 1960, Avivo provides chemical and mental health services, career education, and employment services. They specialize in helping individuals and families who face personal or systemic barriers – poverty, homelessness, joblessness, chemical addiction or mental health concerns – achieve recovery and economic stability. Avivo believes everyone deserves the chance to live well and work well. For more information, visit avivomn.org.

Melissa Found Stability in Supportive Housing

"Moving into this building was a big, strong, wonderful stepping stone because I'm on a very strong, good path."

For Melissa, supportive housing activated a strength inside of her she hadn't remembered for a long time. Having struggled with alcoholism and homelessness for nearly 12 years, the idea of her own apartment seemed distant. But when outreach staff with Avivo worked with her to move from the Wall of Forgotten Natives into Beacon's American House apartments, Melissa discovered a renewed sense of purpose and direction.

"I just feel a lot healthier and happier since moving here," she smiles. "I get to eat well, sleep well, spend time to myself, figure out what I want to do." The security of her own apartment and the presence of an on-site advocate to talk through past traumas and connect to resources led Melissa to "sober the hell up." With college on the horizon and volunteering in the Native community occupying a lot of her time each day, Melissa feels like she's got her life back together.

For Melissa, supportive housing was a big stepping stone on a very good path into the future.

