



Changing the  
Landscape of  
Home

## Bimosedaa

*Supportive Housing for Individuals in Downtown Minneapolis*



- 48 high-quality, well-managed apartment homes for individuals.
- Culturally-relevant support services tailored toward members of the Native community.
- 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'.
- Support services through Avivo. Intensive services focused on jobs, education, health, and community connection offer residents space to consider what the next steps might look like for them

**About Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative** Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative (“Beacon”) is a leading developer and operator of deeply affordable and supportive housing in the Twin Cities Metro. We are a nonprofit collaborative of congregations that advocates to create new, deeply affordable homes, invests in residents through wrap-around services, and champions transformative policy solutions to ensure all people have a home. Beacon’s housing portfolio includes 700 affordable rental homes across 21 buildings. Approximately 60% of Beacon homes offer residents access to on-site supportive services to residents at 30% Area Median Income and below. We currently operate supportive homes that are specifically focused on serving youth and young adults, families and adults with barriers to housing stability. Learn more at [beaconinterfaith.org](http://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](http://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](http://avivomn.org).

## Supportive Housing in Action: Joseph Maxwell’s Story

Joseph Maxwell lived in his car and shelters the last six years, always staying alert for danger even as he slept. Noise from other shelter guests and staff opening and shutting doors kept him awake at night. Staff checked on him every three hours at one shelter.

But that has all changed recently. Maxwell was one of the first residents to move into Bimosedaa.

“Here, I fall right in a deep sleep,” said Maxwell, who moved into the building last December. “For the first week I was here, I didn’t hear anything. I caught up on all my sleep just from not being alerted.”



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