

ANAWIM HOUSING

SPRING 2018



The logo for ANAWIM HOUSING features a stylized white roofline with three peaks. Below the roofline, the word "ANAWIM" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, and the word "HOUSING" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. The entire logo is set against a dark background.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Each spring and fall, Anawim offers the opportunity for guests, friends, advocates and supporters to join us on a property tour to see firsthand the impact Anawim has had on our community. We love hosting this event because we get the opportunity to share the story of Anawim. What began as just two houses on 12th Street, has grown to include over 380 owned properties in Des Moines and over 700 managed. Our portfolio includes single family homes, apartments, townhomes, and duplexes - each meeting the unique needs of a diverse community that includes individuals, families, seniors, or those coming to us from homelessness. These tours are incredibly important to us, as it allows community members to see our homes and discover the scope of services and programs we offer.

After a tenant comes in to sign their lease, the property manager hands over the set of jingling keys on a ring and our tenants are off to their new home. We are honored to be the place where they choose to call home.

By joining us on a tour, you will get to walk through the front door where a new family will soon call home.

This spring's tour will include a stop at our newly completed Brickstones at Riverbend building located at 6th Ave. & Forest Ave. This 30 unit senior housing project just opened in January. Come see firsthand all of the great work Anawim is doing in our community. We hope you can join us.

RUSS FRAZIER
PRESIDENT OF ANAWIM HOUSING

ANAWIM HOUSING INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A **TROLLEY TOUR OF HOMES**

When: Wednesday, | 11:30 - 1:00PM
May 16th | *Trolley departs at 11:30

Where: Anawim Housing office
1171 7th St. Des Moines, IA 50314

This is how it works:

Come to our office at 11:30 where you will pick up a sacked lunch. You will hop on the trolley where it will lead us around the city of Des Moines. We will take a moment to get inside a couple of our homes as well. The tour will arrive back at the office by 1:00p.m.

RSVP to Kate to reserve your seat: krolfes@anawimhousing.org
or 515.809.1157



Why we love Women Empowering Families

WOMEN EMPOWERING FAMILIES



Anawim's Women Empowering Families (WEF) is a very special group of women who support our mission and our families. Founded in 2007 by two board members, Cecelia Kent and Dotty Thurston, with a vision to empower Anawim Housing to provide safe, affordable homes for women and families in need. Over 64% of Anawim's households are single-mother-led and this unique group of women support these households in a variety of ways. Money raised through WEF membership goes toward supportive services, which include educational programming, rental relief and wellness programs. Anawim staff are available for all tenants who need access to resources in the community that best fit their needs.

Each year, the WEF Group hosts two events in the spring and fall. These events are a wonderful opportunity to learn about the WEF Group, enjoy a beautiful evening with friends, and hear inspiring stories from staff and board members. Each event also collects household items that are given to tenants in need.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING
THE 2018 WOMEN EMPOWERING FAMILIES GROUP OR
LEARNING MORE BY JOINING
US AT OUR SPRING WEF
EVENT:
TUESDAY, MAY 8TH | 5-7PM
AT THE RIVER CENTER

MEMBERSHIP GIVING LEVELS:

\$100 NURTURER

\$250 ADVOCATE

\$500 FOUNDER

\$2500 LEADER

For more information, visit:
www.anawimhousing.org/give-here



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JORDYN'S *Story*

In July of 2017, Jordyn entered into Anawim Housing's Permanent Supportive Housing Program. Her story is one of hope and recovery.



Jordyn (27) pictured with her kids Kamryn (14 months) and Joel (7)

For as long as Jordyn could remember, her life had been a circle of continuous abuse, neglect, homelessness and drug addiction. She has since stepped leaps and bounds into a new life - one with her own home, her kids by her side and a growing support system. She begins her story by stating, "I'm Jordyn. And I grew up with every type of abuse there was. Period."

Born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Jordyn had a rough home life. She was raised primarily by her grandparents, until they chose to place her in adolescent treatment at age 14, from which she ran away and became homeless at age 18. From there, she fell into several violent and unhealthy domestic relationships and became addicted to drugs. At 20, she had her oldest son Joel. The domestic abuse and drug use worsened over the next several years, during which she gave birth to two more children. Things began to spiral out of control for Jordyn, who had her kids taken from her, spent time in jail and then moved to Iowa in the pursuit of regaining parental rights to her kids who had been taken there.

In Iowa, with nowhere to live, no money, no family, she found herself homeless again. She would sleep in garages, parks, or "friends" houses only if she provided them with drugs. During her homelessness, she gave birth to

a daughter, Kamryn. It was then that she became committed to making a change and reached out for help.

She entered a successful recovery and treatment program, after which she stayed in an emergency shelter. Soon after, she was referred to Anawim Housing through Centralized Intake and was introduced to Cindy McGrane, Senior Program Manager. Cindy was immediately impressed with her.

“

I've been around people that have had recovery and people that have not, and I knew the minute I met Jordyn that she was a woman who had developed her support system, that she was working through a phenomenal recovery program, and that she was very honest.

” -Cindy McGrane



Upon entering Anawim's Program and moving into her own two bedroom duplex, Jordyn was able to regain custody of her oldest son Joel, who now stays with her and his baby sister Kamryn.

“

It's been a great help to be with Anawim. Now I don't have to be in those situations that I was in before. It's just me and my children now.

”

Every day is a step in a more positive direction. Jordyn and her kids are very active in their church, where she also participates in a Celebrate Recovery program. Together the family loves playing on their nearby school playground, and enjoying a much calmer, steadier life.

When asked what her vision of a happy life is, Jordyn says, "I think I'm living it. Now. You know, yes I'd like to go back to school, get a vehicle, go back to work. But right now, I'm happy with where I'm at." Cindy reassures her that she has no doubt those things will come, a little at a time.

Being able to give hope to others who are going through similar situations is something that Jordyn feels strongly about. With so much hope to share, she says,

“

Don't be ashamed of where you are coming from. Don't be ashamed of what you are going through. Embrace every opportunity you have and start reaching out. The more you reach out, the more you can get help.

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Cindy McGrane, Anawim Senior Program Manager, with Jordyn at her new home

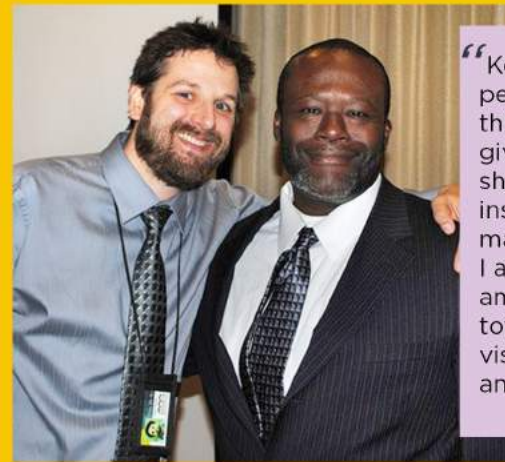
PROGRAMS *update*

OPENING DOORS



Opening Doors celebrates the journeys from homelessness to hope experienced by thousands of people in Polk County. On November 15, 2017, the Adult Recipient Award went to Kenny, an Anawim Housing Permanent Supportive Housing Program tenant. Anawim Program Manager Dan McBee nominated Kenny for this award.

Kenny's story is a remarkable one of hope as he struggled with homelessness for the majority of his life. He has since begun to make great strides and find stability after moving into his own home through Anawim's Program in 2015 and working with Dan.



“Kenny is a special person. I knew that this nomination would give him a chance to share his story and inspire others who may have lost hope. I am thankful that I am part of his journey toward living out his vision of a happy and successful life.”
- Dan

Foundation Dollars At Work *Permanent Supportive Housing Programs*

Each year, Anawim Housing applies for housing program grants through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We are fortunate to be able to administer five program grants through these funds and provide a home for more than 300 households. However, the grant requires Anawim Housing to provide a 7% administrative financial match. Each year, your donations help to provide this required match.

In 2018, we will serve more households in our permanent supportive housing programs than ever before! While this is incredibly exciting news for our community, our required match dollars have increased. We hope you consider supporting the Anawim Housing Foundation this year, as funds go towards supporting these programs and the tenants we serve.

We look forward to continuing to provide solutions for those experiencing homelessness and working with them on their path to stability.



SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



Deb Tharnish and Nick Roby

Deb Tharnish and Nick Roby first became involved with Anawim when Nick began providing legal services to Anawim in the early 90s. He really enjoyed working with Sister Stella and they soon began to be financial supporters. Deb was familiar with the areas served by Anawim because her grandparents lived in the neighborhood.

Now, Deb serves the role as Anawim Housing's Operating Board Chair. Deb and Nick both agree that Anawim means fewer people in our community are homeless. It means that people who live in Anawim are treated with respect and given access to services that provide true feelings of home.

"We are most proud of the way Anawim helps families achieve stability and the improvements Anawim has made in the neighborhoods we we serve. We wish more people knew the extent of Anawim's services because once you know what Anawim provides in our community, they will want to support Anawim's mission of providing housing to more people in need, because home is everything," said Deb.

Anawim is incredibly grateful to Deb and Nick for their leadership, support and continued advocacy.

DEB SERVES AS CHAIR OF THE ANAWIM HOUSING OPERATING BOARD

Construction Underway!

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects awarded in 2017 are underway. The projects known as Aberdeen Apartments in Sioux City, The Kingston Apartments in Cedar Rapids, and The Washington Apartments in Ottumwa will provide new housing units for over 150 families throughout Iowa.

We are excited to pursue the mission of Anawim that we have been so successful providing in Des Moines to other parts of the state and serving Iowans. These projects will allow Anawim to utilize the funds derived from these projects to strengthen our financial footing and provide more services to those in need in Des Moines.



ARCHITECT RENDERING OF ABERDEEN APARTMENTS IN SIOUX CITY. THIS PROJECT IS A CONVERSION OF THE FORMER CENTRAL ANNEX WHICH WAS UTILIZED FOR ATHLETICS FOR THE FORMER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL. ABERDEEN WILL FEATURE 48 ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS. THE PROJECT UTILIZES LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS AND HISTORIC TAX CREDITS.

Family



WANT TO BE OUR NEIGHBOR?



Anawim has
approximately
1900 sq feet of
partially furnished
office space
FOR LEASE!

Space Includes:

- Two private offices

If you, or someone
you know,
is interested in
learning more please
call Nick Goede at
244-8306 x116.

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Services Update

This past December, Anawim Housing hosted *A Christmas Carol* - themed holiday party for tenants. Each guest was able to attend the matinee performance of *A Christmas Carol* at the Kum & Go Theater thanks to the generosity of the Iowa Stage Theatre Company.

Tenants enjoyed a hot chocolate station, gingerbread house decorating, a book fair, photo booth, crafts and wonderful conversation. Thank you to all of the community partners and volunteers who helped put together a great event for our tenants.





Save the Date!

In the **merry month of May**, Women Empowering Families invites you to join us for a special evening to empower the families of Anawim Housing!

Tuesday,
May 8th
5-7pm



The River Center
340 SW 3rd St.
Des Moines

Home ♡ is ♡ Everything

Help us celebrate the moms by making *Mother's Day gift bags!*

New! Guests are asked to bring a couple small gifts for our many Anawim Housing mothers. Together, we will help assemble gift bags to be delivered for Mother's Day. Some suggested donations include: lotions, loofahs, body wash, candy, tea towels, small kitchen/bath items.



We invite you to come and learn more about the Women Empowering Families group and hear how you can become involved!

WOMEN EMPOWERING FAMILIES

RSVP to Tiffany at Tking@anawimhousing.org or 515.809.1156

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