

# Homeward Bound OF MARIN



## QUICK FACTS

Number of Units:  
28 one-bedroom and  
studio apartments

Target Population:  
Adults 55 and Up

Construction Cost:  
Est. \$15 million

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## A Place for Seniors to Call Home

Homeward Bound of Marin has recently acquired the property at 77 Locust Ave. in San Rafael. The site can provide much-needed housing for up to 28 older adults overcoming homelessness.

Learn more at a community meeting!

**Thursday, March 26 – 6 p.m.**

77 Locust Ave.

- **What is proposed?** We see the building's existing footprint as the blueprint for upgrades to provide safe, dignified housing. This model succeeded at Homeward Bound's King Street Senior Housing program in Larkspur, which also sits in a residential neighborhood with a nearby school. The renovations at 77 Locust Ave. will make the building more efficient, fire-hardy and accessible for people with disabilities.

- **What happens next?** Using community input, Homeward Bound will create formal plans for review by the City of San Rafael. We foresee starting construction in 2028 on the work estimated to last approximately 12 months.

- **Who will live there?** The affordable apartments will provide much-needed homes for homeless older adults in Marin aged 55 years and up.

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## Why Senior Housing?

Supportive housing for seniors has been identified as a critical need in our community. The Marin Civil Grand Jury spotlighted the issue in its 2024 report, "Older Adults on the Brink of Homelessness: Time to Act is Now." Seniors make up 27% of people in Homeward Bound shelters.

- **Who will staff and maintain the housing?** Homeward Bound staff will have full-time office hours at the site and an onsite resident manager. Homeward Bound's Facilities Team will maintain the buildings, which will retain the existing landscaping.
- **What requirements do you have for residents?** Tenants at the site will sign a lease agreement and a Code of Conduct, and pay affordable rents.
- **What services will be available?** Our dedicated staff provides ongoing case management to help people maintain their benefits, employment, health care, and well-being. The staff works with partner agencies to connect people to resources for medical care, transportation, and other needs. The program is not designed to provide nursing care or other assisted living services. Staff also helps plan social activities like holiday celebrations.
- **How long can residents live there?** There's no time limit for this permanent supportive housing program. Residents can stay as long as needed provided they comply with their lease agreements and do not require more intensive support to live independently.
- **How might volunteers support the program?** Homeward Bound will develop volunteer opportunities based on needs that arise as the program evolves. Volunteer roles could involve things like gardening, leading arts and crafts workshops or decorating for holidays.

## ABOUT HOMEWARD BOUND OF MARIN



Founded in 1974, Homeward Bound is the primary provider of shelter and supportive housing for people facing a crisis of homelessness in Marin County. Currently our programs offer shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing to more than 550 people every day.