ABOUT

Catholic Charities Peter Claver Community provides formerly homeless, low-income San Franciscans living with disabling HIV/AIDS with round-the-clock comprehensive nursing care as a Residential Care Program for the Chronically Ill (RCFI). The vulnerable individuals being cared for at Peter Claver also experience co-occurring major psychiatric and/or substance abuse disorders on top of their chronic autoimmune disease. Opened in 1985, the program marked one of the earliest attempts by any organization to aggressively serve those sick and dying from HIV/AIDS.

The staff is able to address most client issues on-site, minimizing the use of hospital emergency rooms, crisis services, and other publicly-funded health systems. Registered Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist, and a Social Work Case Manager help individuals increase adherence to complex medical regimes, avert acute medical/psychiatric hospitalizations, and facilitate care coordination among multiple health providers. Discharge to independent living or a facility with a higher level of care is coordinated in the best interest of each individual’s needs.

SERVICES

• Nursing care and Certified Nursing Assistant supervision 24/7
• On-site social work case management and medication management
• Coordination of care with medical and other ancillary providers, including substance abuse, mental health, and basic living skills support
• Transportation to appointments
• Mental health support group services
• Harm reduction groups
• Three health-sensitive meals prepared daily
• Collaboration with the other HIV service providers and nursing schools
• Activities Program

33 INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED 1,055 HOURS OF INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT

IMPACT

96% of residents maintained basic needs through program housing subsidies
64% of residents maintained or improved health
100% of residents were able to afford medications and maintain protocols

COVID-19 had a significant impact on the number of clients we served during 2021 due to state and county shelter-in-place ordinances that temporarily closed some of our programs as we worked to keep our clients and employees as safe and healthy as possible.