ABOUT

Catholic Charities Derek Silva Community is a low-cost, long-term housing facility with support services for people living with disabling HIV/AIDS. The program provides the security of permanent subsidized housing enabling residents to focus on their medical treatments without the threat of homelessness.

The program assists all residents to maintain a maximum level of self-sufficiency and live with dignity. Derek Silva Community provides on-site case management, information and referral advocacy, and direct assistance support. Residents may also receive crisis intervention and emotional support services.

Derek Silva Community serves as a major link in the HIV continuum of care through education, case management, medication stabilization, and support. Housing is healthcare for our clients.

SERVICES

- On-site case management
- Medical care coordination
- Crisis intervention, emotional support services
- Reduce risk of disease transmission through education and support
- Activities and socialization opportunities
- Information, resources, and referral to community support services
- Collaboration with other HIV service providers to ensure that residents’ medical, psychological, social, vocational, and spiritual needs are met

IMPACT

100% of residents maximized income and benefits for which they were eligible
100% of residents achieved one or more service plan goals
94% of residents maintained or improved their physical health

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.