

What
is it like
to
live
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No one is rejected for lack of money. The cost to residents depends on their income.

The amount of money a resident pays to live at Calcutta House is based on a sliding scale according to income. Most residents receive about \$150 per month for personal spending.



Each resident gets a private room.

Resident rooms have a bed, table and comfortable chair. Each room also has a private bathroom with a toilet and sink. A small television with cable access is provided. Bathing facilities are shared on each floor.

Residents are expected to care for their rooms and their laundry, if they are physically able. General maintenance is taken care of by Calcutta House staff.

Most residents go to outside day programs.

Our staff encourage residents to enroll in programs with outside organizations that meet their personal, educational and health goals. These include drug treatment, mental health day programs, and G.E.D. classes. Internal programs conducted by Calcutta House staff include addiction recovery support groups, occupational and physical therapy, individual counseling, AIDS education, literacy tutoring and general meetings where residents can discuss issues affecting their lives.

3 Hot meals are provided each day, 7 days per week.

Food of excellent flavor and quality is prepared to meet the needs of people with AIDS. Snacks between meals are also provided. Residents say the food is very good.



Frequently asked Questions

Who is eligible to live at Calcutta House?

Residents must be 18 years or older, have an AIDS diagnosis and need the nursing and supportive services provided at Calcutta House.

How do I apply to live at Calcutta House?

Either you, your case manager or your M.D. can complete an application for you. You then meet with Calcutta House Social Services staff to discuss your needs and determine if Calcutta House is the right place for you. Unfortunately, there is often a waiting list. Sometimes we can admit a new resident within one week. At other times, several months may pass before a room becomes available.

Are there activities?

Yes! Activities include trips to sporting events, concerts, bingo, movies, museums and community events. A variety of people come to Calcutta House to share their talents and interests with residents.

What happens if my health improves, and I no longer need the services Calcutta House provides?

Many people come to Calcutta House to get stronger, before moving on to their own apartment or returning to their family. We work with each resident to make sure that they can take care of their needs before leaving our facility, and that proper supports are in place for them when they return to the community.

Does Calcutta House provide drug and alcohol addiction treatment?

We work with each resident to help them maintain their sobriety. Use of alcohol or drugs is not permitted for Calcutta House residents. There are in-house AA and NA meetings, and outside programs for residents struggling to overcome addictions.



May I have visitors, or make outside overnight visits?

Visitors are welcome everyday from noon-11 p.m. Residents should stay with their visitors at all times. Calcutta House is unable to host overnight visits or non-residents for meals.

For the first 30 days, we request that new residents do not stay out overnight. After that time, residents may make overnight visits. We ask that they notify our staff about their plans, so that we will not worry about them when they are away.



Who takes care of the medical needs of the residents?

Residents may keep the same doctor they have when entering Calcutta House. All prescriptions are ordered through Pro-Care and delivered. Nursing staff manage the resident's medications until the residents feel comfortably knowledgeable about AIDS medications.