



About Ripple Community Inc.

At Ripple Community Inc. (RCI), our mission is to *nurture community and connection in Allentown by fostering a sense of community among our neighbors who have traditionally been marginalized and by cultivating connections across social boundaries.* For our most vulnerable neighbors, RCI is a source of friendship, support, and community. Through our core programs-- the RCI Village and the Community Building Center-- we provide housing, supportive services, and community and social connections for struggling residents of Allentown.

Program Feature: The RCI Village Housing Program

Our RCI Village housing program helps individuals and families permanently transition out of homelessness and housing instability, and into safe, healthy, community-supported housing.

We begin with well-maintained, deeply affordable rental housing which is a big need in Allentown. Rent is set at an affordable rate, with rent for some units further subsidized to make them accessible for extremely low-income residents. RCI Village apartments are considered permanent housing, meaning that residents are encouraged to remain in the program for as long as they feel it is appropriate for them. In addition, the program provides wrap-around supports and community building opportunities to help ensure long-term stability for residents. As one of our residents said, the RCI Village is "more than just a home. It's a family."

Current Need

Even amid the pandemic, RCI Village was blessed to help 3 new families find safe, affordable housing. This was made possible through new partnerships with landlords, but it required extra funding. Most landlords ask for market value rent, which is often \$200-300 more than our program, and means we must supplement the rent. For this reason, we created the Adopt-an-Apartment program.

The Adopt-an-Apartment program invites churches, small groups, or businesses to support a very low-income household by contributing \$300/month or \$3,600/year. With this donation, we can make safe, healthy housing accessible for a family that would otherwise struggle to afford an apartment. Through the Adopt-an-Apartment program we can give the opportunity for a family to find stability in their community.

If your church, small group, or business is interested in donating to the Adopt-an-Apartment program, please contact Danilo Sanchez (dsanchez@ripplecommunityinc.org) or Sherri Binder (sbinder@ripplecommunityinc.org).

Thank you!

We are grateful to Mosaic Mennonite Conference for your generous support of RCI over the past year. Your contributions have allowed us to provide much care and support for our residents through our Neighboring Volunteer program and kept our Community Center pantry well stocked. We continue to be co-laborers in the kingdom of God!



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