

OVERVIEW

Resources for Human Development (RHD) is developing a new program in Lower Providence Township, Genny's Place, to support Montgomery County's unhoused community. Genny's Place aims to fill a crucial gap in the support system for this population, offering them a safe and stable environment while they work towards securing permanent housing. By dispelling myths and providing accurate information about the program, RHD hopes to foster understanding and support within the community for this much-needed initiative.

MYTHS AND FACTS

- **Myth:** Genny's Place is a homeless shelter.
- **Fact:** Genny's Place offers short-term housing in an apartment-style setting and provides support services to help residents transition to independent living in regular housing.
- **Myth:** Genny's Place will house hundreds of homeless individuals permanently in Lower Providence Township.
- **Fact:** Genny's Place will have a maximum of 60 residents at any given time, with a goal of each staying for a 60-to-90-day period.
- **Myth:** This program will primarily house criminals and sex offenders.
- **Fact:** Genny's Place will implement a rigorous screening process to ensure the safety and well-being of the community, complying with all zoning regulations. No registered sex offenders will be offered residence at Genny's Place.
- **Myth:** Genny's Place will attract individuals from outside areas to Lower Providence Township, and serve as a homeless migration complex.
- **Fact:** Genny's Place will be a short-term housing complex exclusively serving individuals from Montgomery County.
- **Myth:** Genny's Place residents will be disruptive youths who dominate public spaces.
- **Fact:** All residents will be 18 years old or older. The majority of the population RHD serves averages 55 years old and over.
- **Myth:** RHD was expelled from Norristown in 2022.
- **Fact:** RHD's Norristown homeless services program was among several organizations that closed when the lease on the building expired, and the Municipality of Norristown took back the property to redevelop it.