



Our Mission: Christ's Love in Action

Our Vision: Support and Strengthen those in need through Christ's Love

With all of the changes at Brighter Days, it is a chance to give everyone an update, not only on the COVID-19 provisions, but also on the change in focus to really push for permanent placement of those who are looking for permanent residency.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, Brighter Days reopened with 19 beds (12 for men and 7 for women) available to allow for social distancing. Re-opening has gone smoothly and as such, the maximum occupancy was increased on August 1<sup>st</sup> to 25 (14 beds for men and 11 beds for women). The shelter has not reached capacity as of yet, but numbers of clients served has been running 15 – 17 per night, with a maximum number of 20.

#### **Key Components of COVID-19 Plan**

- Health screenings are conducted, prior to admittance, of anyone staying, working or volunteering at Brighter Days
- High touch surfaces are cleaned continuously -Intake is paused and all surfaces cleaned between each four guests
- Educational materials are passed out to all guests and signs about safety etiquette are posted
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) is used for the safety of volunteers, employees and guests
- An intensive daily cleaning regimen by an outside contractor has been implemented
- Clients showing signs of illness or reporting symptoms of illness will be isolated from the general population immediately
- Food service has been completed in a safe way, including handwashing, individual servings, etc.

#### **Key Components of 60 Day Permanent Residency Plan**

- Case Management services are provided each evening at Brighter Days. The goal is to get an individual placed permanently within 60 days of them coming to Brighter Days for shelter. Extensions of time are available for those who are making progress towards permanent residency, but factors beyond their control have kept them from achieving this goal
- An initial assessment is completed and a plan is developed from this assessment. Weekly and monthly goals are set and clients meet weekly to review progress and set new goals for the upcoming week.
- Four primary tracts have been developed – special processes are available for those who faced job loss, those with substance abuse issues, those with mental illness, and those with limited income or disability.

-While many clients face challenges in more than one of these areas, a plan is developed specific to that client's needs and is personalized to give the highest chance of success.

-For questions regarding Brighter Days, please reach out to Danelle Mathis, Housing Manager at 812.344.4512 or Kelly Daugherty, Love Chapel Director at 812.372.9421!