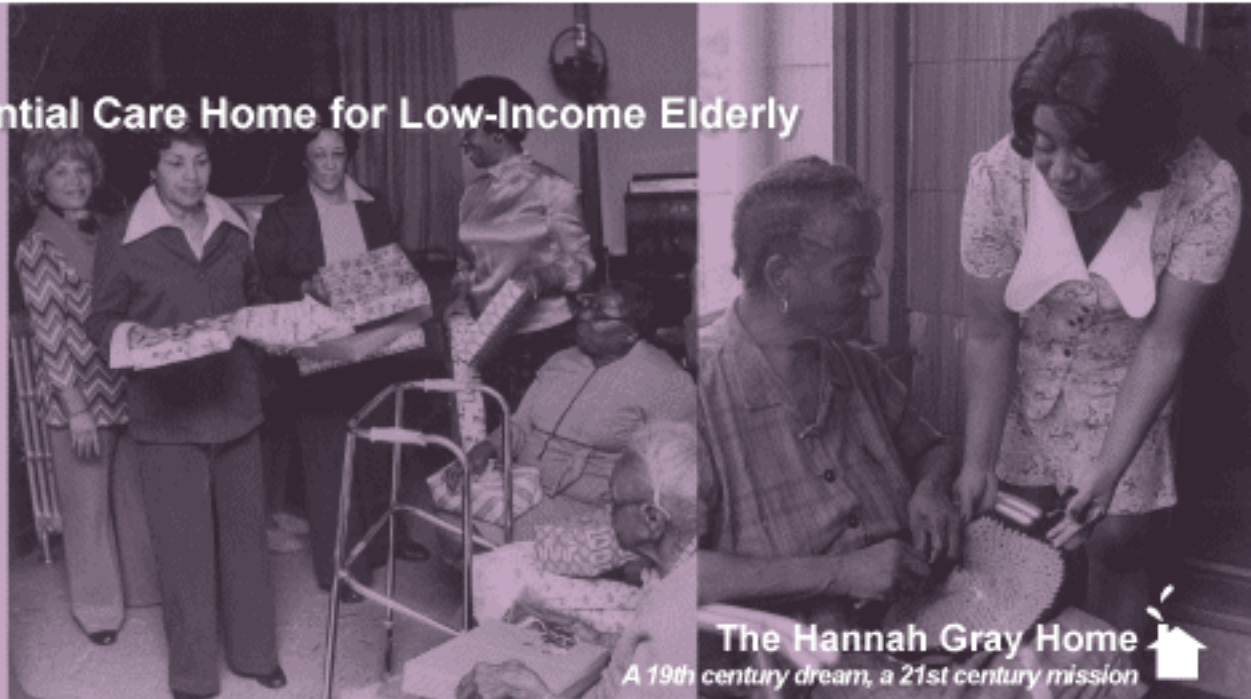


The Hannah Gray Home

A Residential Care Home for Low-Income Elderly



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A 19th century dream, a 21st century mission

"On her deathbed, she made me promise that I would do everything in my power to reopen the home, so that others might have the privilege of retaining their cultural ties and growing old in their own community."

- Rev. Anthony Davis, Hannah Gray Home Trustee speaking of his aunt, a prior resident of the Hannah Gray Home

Legacy


Ms. Hannah E. Gray was an African-American woman and New Haven resident in the mid-19th century. She worked as a laundress and seamstress, and used part of her income to support the antislavery movement. Upon her death in 1861, she left her house at 158 Dixwell Avenue to be used as a residence for indigent African-American women. Her will did not include funding to support this mission.

Mission

The Hannah Gray Home is a residential care home that seeks to provide low income housing, supervised care, and supportive services to elderly individuals in the Dixwell and Greater New Haven communities. It aims to foster an environment in which residents not only feel a sense of belonging but also feel connected to the cultural and spiritual roots of their community.

History

- In 1904, the Hannah Gray Home was almost forced to be sold in order to pay delinquent taxes, but it survived through a donation by the Women's Twentieth Century Club.
- In 1911, with funding from the Women's Twentieth Century Club, the present Hannah Gray Home at 235 Dixwell Avenue was acquired.
- The Hannah Gray Home operated in accordance with its founder's goals until 1996 when funding and management problems forced the closure of the Home.
- The Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund rescued the Hannah Gray Home in 2000 by taking over the mortgage.
- In 2001, the Hannah Gray Home received the Certificate of Need (CON) from the State of Connecticut, which paved the way to necessary rehabilitation work for the re-opening of the facility.



The Hannah Gray Home is the legacy of a heroic African-American woman and abolitionist, the late Hannah E. Gray of New Haven.

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Saving The Hannah Gray Home

- The Home closed down in 1996 because of poor management and funding problems
- Facing this crisis, the Rev. Anthony Davis launched a campaign to save the Home. Rev. Davis was motivated by his memory of his aunt, who had been a resident at the Home until its closure.
- Rev. Davis was able to secure a loan from the Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund to redeem a loan taken out in 1995 with the historic building as collateral.
- Rev. Davis subsequently obtained a Certificate of Need (CON) from the Connecticut Department of Social Services pledging \$1.5 million to the Home's redevelopment.
- Despite the CON, a gap remains of **\$800,000** to restore the Home to its former glory. Your generous support will help close this gap.

Demands

In New Haven:

- 7.7% of New Haven County's 65-and-older population, which are roughly 8,500 individuals, live below the poverty line.
- HUD subsidizes over 4,500 senior housing units in New Haven.
- Currently, there is a dearth of elderly residential care facility in New Haven.

In the Dixwell Neighborhood:


- Approximately 5,011 individuals live in 1,906 housing units in the census tract surrounding the present Hannah Gray Home on Dixwell Avenue.
- 259 of these households are headed by individuals over 65 years of age.
- 202 other elderly individuals live in households that they do not own.

Services

- If the Hannah Gray Home's funding gap is closed, the Home will offer 24-hour supervised care and supportive services for 20 poor elderly residents.
- It will provide these services at an average cost (to be paid by the State as per the CON) much lower than that of an average nursing home.

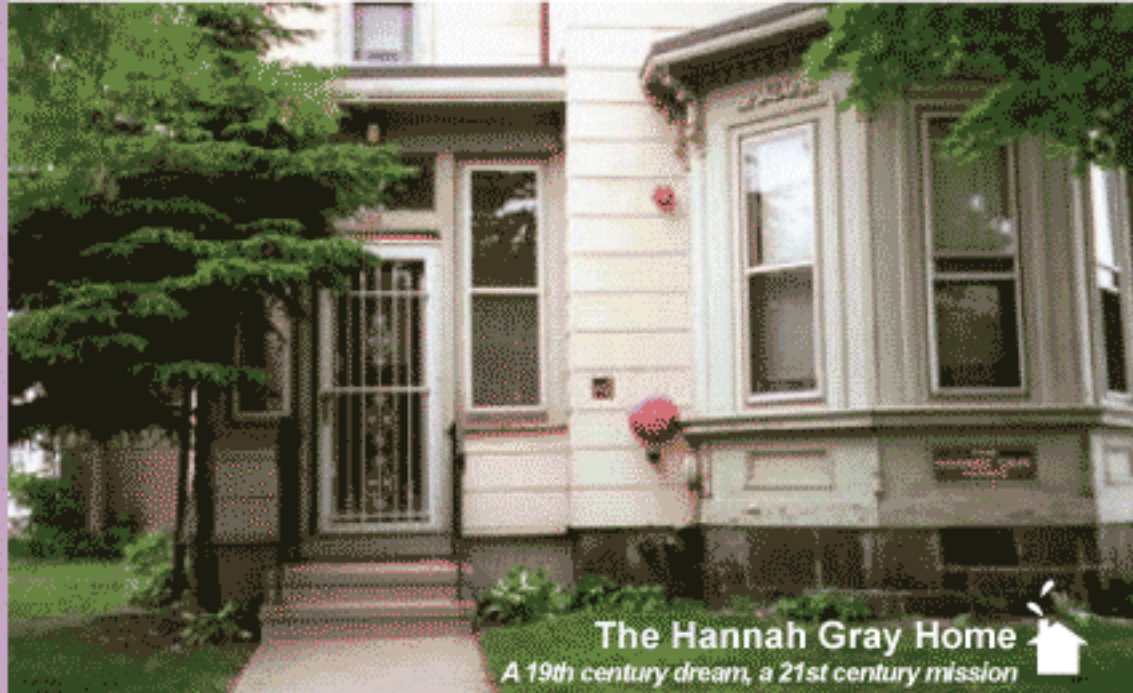
Timeline

	The Hannah Gray Home was saved by donation from the Women's Twentieth Century Club	The Hannah Gray Home moved to its current location at 235 Dixwell	Hannah Gray Home, Incorporated was formed	The Hannah Gray Home closed due to financial problems
1861	1904	1911	1977	1996



"Our senior citizens should never have to worry about being able to afford a safe and decent place to live."

- Mel Martinez,
Former HUD Secretary



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Impacts

The Home fills a need in the community:

- Historically, a network of established contacts provided referrals to the Home. This network included the Hospital of St. Raphael, other local hospitals, local churches, and various African-American women's groups.
- It is anticipated that this network will be re-established to support the future operations of the Home.
- Without the Hannah Gray Home, many of the prospective residents would be forced to seek nursing home placement outside of the neighborhood, at a higher cost to the State and a higher social and emotional cost to the residents and their families.

The Home will provide professional services:

- The facility will be run by professional management team with experience in similar facilities.
- Home management will be overseen by the Board of Directors of Hannah Gray Home, Incorporated, which includes community leaders and individuals with direct experience in the fields of health and senior care.
- The Hannah Gray Home Trust, under the supervision of the New Haven Probate Court, will ensure that Hannah Gray Home, Incorporated fulfills its charitable mission.

Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund rescued the Hannah Gray Home by taking over the mortgage

CT Department of Social Services granted the Hannah Gray Home Certificate of Need (CON)

CON extension granted

Hannah Gray Home, Inc.'s Board of Directors reconstituted

Expected start of construction

Expected completion of construction and re-opening of the Home

2000

2001

2004

2005

2006

2007

Budget

Total Budget:	\$ 2,300,000.00
CT Department of Social Services:	- \$ 1,500,000.00
GAP	\$ 800,000.00

Potential Donors (partial list)

City of New Haven - Livable City Initiative
 Empower New Haven
 Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
 New Alliance Foundation
 Yale University
 TD Banknorth
 Wachovia Bank
 Bank of America
 State of Connecticut
 IKEA (furniture donation)

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Support

A critical portion of Hannah Gray Home funding comes from local supporters, including community and private foundation grants, individual donations to the Hannah Gray Home Founders' Fund, and in-kind support from program partners.

Hannah Gray Home, Incorporated (HGHI) is a 501(c)(3) charitable and tax-exempt organization to which contributions are deductible for the purpose of federal income taxes.

With your generous support, the Hannah Gray Home can continue to fulfill the late Hannah Gray's mission and serve the vital needs of New Haven's elderly population. Please contact us today.

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