

## Eligibility Criteria ...

To live at Cramer House you must:

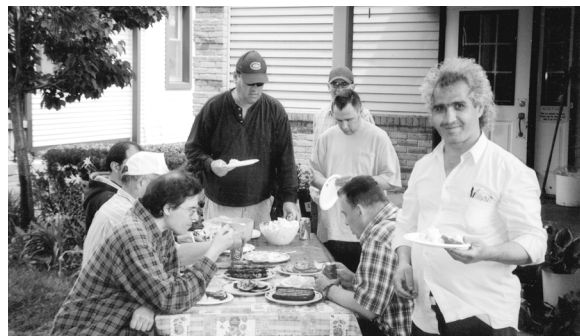
- Be an adult male who expresses a need for social, emotional or mental health supports offered as part of the program.
- Be motivated, interested and able to participate in a cooperative group living environment.
- Be able to pay monthly shelter, food and program costs.
- Have no current substance abuse or dependency.
- Be able to complete the tasks of daily living with minimal guidance and support.

## How to Apply ...

- Pick up an inquiry form from House of Friendship and complete it.
- When Cramer House staff receive this form, they will contact you to discuss your housing needs and answer any questions you may have about the program.
- When a room becomes available, staff will arrange an assessment with you; this means you will be invited to come to Cramer at various times (usually spread over a two week period) to participate in house activities and meet the other tenants.
- An offer to become a tenant follows a successful assessment period.

## House of Friendship Programs

Addiction Services	Community Services
Alcontrol (women) 174 King Street N. (men)	Appliance Repairs Christmas Hampers Emergency Food Hampers
Family Services	Residential Services
Community Centres • Chandler-Mowat • Courtland-Shelley • Kingsdale • Sunnydale Live and Learn Camp Sponsorship	Cramer House Eby Village Kiwanis House Charles St. Men's Hostel



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a  
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**home for adult men**

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*Extending the hand of friendship  
to our neighbors in need since 1939*

## Cramer House offers ...

- Supportive, affordable housing for 10 single adult men with social, emotional or mental health support needs. Tenants live in a group living setting.
- An attractive, well-maintained building with private and semi-private rooms and common areas such as a lounge, dining room and recreation room.
- On-site staff assist with building self-reliance in daily living, decision-making and connecting to services and activities in the community.
- Opportunities to increase self-confidence and self-esteem in a cooperative community living setting.

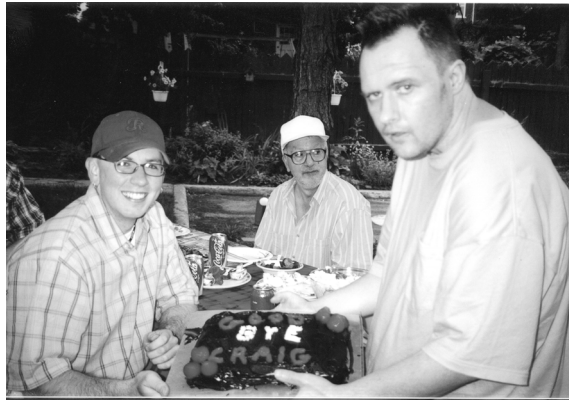
## Community Life ...

Tenants at Cramer House are encouraged to participate in community life both within the building and in the larger community. Men participate by:

- Sharing responsibilities for day to day upkeep of the house;
- Sharing the tasks of meal planning, preparation and clean-up;
- Planning and attending outings and activities;
- Discussions, decision-making and problem solving at house meetings.

## Program Goal ...

Our goal is to provide a long term residence for adult men with support needs.



## Program Objectives ...

- To provide a long term affordable residence with support for 10 men.
- To provide opportunities for each tenant's independence and self-reliance.
- To provide opportunities to build community and socialization skills with the tenants.
- To encourage and maintain working relationships with community service providers which the tenants may be utilizing.

*"You never feel alone at Cramer House. You always have someone to talk to, eat with and spend time with."*

-a Cramer House tenant

## History and Funding ...

- Cramer House opened in 1985 in response to an urgent need for long term housing for adult men who had previously been inadequately housed in emergency or temporary settings that could not provide the supports required on an ongoing basis.
- The program is funded through fees paid by the tenants for room, board and program, and by donations to House of Friendship.

## A Program of House of Friendship ...

- Cramer House is one of House of Friendship's Residential Services.
- House of Friendship is a Christian, non-profit human service agency founded in 1939. It operates programs in the areas of Addiction Services, Community Services, Family Services and Residential Services (see back panel).
- House of Friendship's mission is to serve low-income people in need of support and to promote opportunities for personal growth, wholesome relationships and community development through the application of holistic Christian principles.

*"I want to see a mighty flood of justice, a torrent of doing good."*

-Amos 5:24