



Moving in: An elderly couple journey from a forest hut to a municipal flat.

From Streets to Homes Association

Our activities

From Huts to Homes	Based on Housing First approach
Housing Now!	Social Housing Agency and SZÁD
Give Work!	Weekly support group focusing on labour market integration
Solidarity Accommodation	Helping ukrainian refugees to find short term accommodation
Other activities in development	Women's group, Cleaning Social Enterprise



Some background

- FSHA is an NGO
 - not registered as a social service provider
 - does not receive any government funding
- 10 years old
- 25 staff + 2 “full time” volunteer + trainees + volunteers
- 38 flats 90 tenants + SZÁD + Solidarity Accommodation
- roots in housing activism



From Huts to Homes program

- Our oldest activity, based on Housing First approach
- 26 flats, 57 tenants
- Most of our elderly clients are in this program
- Partnership with two district municipalities in Budapest
- They give us 1-2 small flats a year
- We choose the clients from their district
- We renovate the flats, with the help of the tenants and volunteers.
- We only provide social work for the clients
 - We cannot provide other social services, or healthcare services.
 - We need to cooperative with others.



Selection and assessment

- **Partnership with street social workers**, who are in contact with rough sleepers and hut dwellers in the given districts.
- Through them we distribute our call for applicants. They have to **fill out a form** and return it to us via the street social workers.
- Usually we **interview all applicants** by person, in the local daytime care center
 - 2-3 social workers are doing the assessments of the potential clients, both what they need and what history and resources they have. There are **two main condition**. Minimal cooperation and certain level of actual or potential income. But usually we avoid addicts and psychiatric patients above a certain level.



Tom and Mary, April 2021

- Both were 63 years old
- 10 years in the forest
- Low income (benefits, odd jobs)
- Low employment status
 - Tom minimal education and incarceration
 - Mary illiterate
- Both had lots of health issues
 - COPD (Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - CVD (Cardiovascular disease)
 - MSD (Musculoskeletal disorders)
 - Alcohol issues, smoking



Cooperation with other organizations and services

- Accommodation:
 - District Municipalities – Tenant acceptance, local benefits
 - District Municipality Trustees – managing the flats
- Social and health services:
 - Street social workers – in this case: Hungarian Red Cross
 - District Municipality Social Services – social catering, home care work
 - Other Foundations – addiction, mental health
 - Clients local (or chosen) general health practitioner
 - National Korányi Pulmonology Institute – healthcare and hospital social work
- Aid and volunteering
 - Budapest Municipality/Shelter Foundation – Casual financial aid
 - Volunteers helping with renovation
 - Volunteer mental health advocate
 - Streetlawyer Association



Tom and Mary, October, 2021

- Half year work to move in
- Renovating the flat
- Bureaucracy
- Preparing the clients
 - Assess and manage their needs
 - Maximising their income
 - Stabilize their health
 - Mentally preparing them for the big change
 - Redevelop their housekeeping skills



Tom, June, 2022

- Sadly Mary passed away shortly after moving in.
- I continue to work with Tom, our three main objective is:
 - Treat his illnesses
 - Working through his grief
 - Get him a pension, he will be 65 in October.

Later he will need home care work.





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