About Eliza Bryant Village

- Eliza Bryant Village is the oldest operating African-American founded long-term care facility in the country.
- The Village has remained rooted in Cleveland’s Hough neighborhood for nearly 125 years.
- Our mission is “to provide quality services, outreach programs, and a dignified, compassionate and secure environment for seniors.”
- We offer skilled nursing with memory-care and rehabilitation, an adult day care and senior outreach program, which includes transportation and nutritious meals, affordable independent senior housing, as well as on-site dialysis care. Home Care is also available to Eliza Bryant Village seniors as well as our aging neighbors.
- We are the largest employer in Hough, with approximately 230 full and part-time employees, in addition to more than 200 volunteers, who help us serve 1,200 seniors each year.

Community impact

- One of only six in Ohio, Eliza Bryant Village is a Critical Access Facility – a designation that, among other things, acknowledges nursing home caring primarily for Medicaid residents.
- Eliza Bryant Village provides more than $1 million in charity care each year.
- Our community partners continue to have faith in the Village and support our mission. We need your help in making sure the general public feels the same way.

For example:

Founder, Eliza Simmons Bryant

- The City of Cleveland finalized an agreement to forgive a $1.9 million debt from an Empowerment Zone loan. The Village took this loan out about 15 years ago when the Village, at the urging of the City of Cleveland, absorbed Madonna Hall and expanded its campus to accommodate the increased population. That forgiven loan will save the Village about $400,000 a year in interest and principal payments on that obligation.
- With funding from the Ohio Attorney General, Eliza Bryant Village will open a new Elder Justice Center this fall to provide temporary respite care for older adults who are experiencing some form of trauma, violence, abuse, or criminal victimization. To ensure clients will return to a safe environment,
The Elder Justice Center at Eliza Bryant Village provides a temporary safe space for the growing population of older adults who are experiencing some form of trauma, violence, abuse, and/or criminal victimization. To ensure clients will return to a safe environment, we will work with our community partners to connect clients and their families to legal, financial and social service supports.

Staff & Participant of Senior Outreach

- The innovative Eliza Bryant Village Elder Justice Center is the only provider of these unique and needed services in Ohio.

- Eliza Bryant Village will have nine private rooms to serve elders who are experiencing abuse, violence and/or criminal victimization. The average stay will range from 30 to 90 days.

- Admission Criteria:
  - 62 years of age or older.
  - Experienced one or more of the following types of abuse (physical, sexual, psychological, and financial) or is at risk for experiencing such abuse.
  - Referred to the Elder Justice Center by a community or governmental organization.
  - In need of a temporary safe space and agrees to be placed in a temporary safe space.
  - Victim will not contact alleged abuser through any form of communication during stay.
  - Victim will keep shelter location confidential

- Referrals to the EJC must come from an established community or governmental organization. All such referrals shall be screened by the EJC staff, who shall make the final determination about admission to the EJC. Information about the abuse, alleged abuser, health status, legal status, and family support system shall be collected by staff. The team will determine if the individual is appropriate for respite, and will then develop a plan to transition the person into the facility.

- We envision a world where:
  - Older adults are safe, valued and connected.
  - Individuals and professionals are equipped to respond to older adults’ unique strengths and vulnerabilities.
  - Systems are designed to support empowered aging.
  - The voices of older adults continue to inform our work.

- What is Elder Abuse?
  - According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving an expectation of trust that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult.

- The abused have a 300% higher risk of death, as a consequence of abuse. Other consequences include isolation, intimidation, mental anguish, physical pain and financial ruin.
The National Center on Elder Abuse reports that one in ten seniors are victims of elder abuse. This is likely to be an underestimation, as only 1 in 24 cases of elder abuse is reported, in part because older people are often afraid to report cases of abuse to family, friends, or to the authorities.

Who are the abusers?
- Abusers can be men or women
- Approximately 2/3 of abusers are family members.

Support

- Eliza Bryant Village is not working alone. The Village has a national partner in the SPRiNG Alliance, Shelter Partners: Regional. National. Global, with the mission to “is to create a network of regional elder abuse shelters and other similar service models with close working relationships, shared resources and technical assistance, common standards of excellence and a vibrant community of support.”

- The Village also has financial and programmatic support from the Ohio Attorney General’s Victims of Crime Act Fund.

- Finally, the Village has strong local community support from 35 organizations including government and nonprofit specializing in food distribution, transportations, legal, housing, finance, mental health, medical service, advocacy, research and community relations

Crystal Ball Gala

- Help Eliza Bryant Village create a brighter future for our community by supporting our March 7, 2020 Crystal Ball Gala.

- Proceeds from your generous donation support the Elder Justice Center.

- Enjoy cocktails, appetizers and dinner as well as auctions, raffles and live entertainment. We will provide complimentary valet.

- The dress code is black-tie optional.

- Your support helps Eliza Bryant Village continue to serve as a beacon of light, hope and safety in greater Cleveland for aging adults and their caregivers for another 125 years.

- The financial opportunities in the sponsorship packet include, but is not limited to:
  - Naming one private suite for $10,000
  - Naming the Community Room for $25,000
  - Sponsorships can range from $7,500 to $1,000 and anywhere in between
  - Benefits are listed in the packet.
Testimonials:

- "After my brother had a small stroke in 2015, he was referred to join Eliza Bryant Village’s Adult Day Program. Our social worker suggested the activities would help him physically and mentally. My sister and I are very grateful that he is in the wonderful care of Eliza Bryant Village. It gives us some time to care of business and we are at ease knowing he is in such good hands." – Charlotte B., Caregiver

- Eliza Bryant Village’s Adult Daycare is a godsend. In 2008, my mother was diagnosed with dementia. As her primary caregiver, I realized she wasn’t able to be left at home alone. I feared for her safety and that the lack of social interaction would make her condition worsen. Eliza Bryant Village is not only convenient because it’s close to my home, but most importantly, it’s a warm, welcoming environment. With my mom in the program, I am able to work fulltime and know she is safe. My mom looks forward to the program – as a retired nurse, she enjoys offering assistance to other participants in the program and to the staff!” Paula M., Caregiver

- Mr. Waters came to Eliza Bryant Village seeking help with activities of daily living. When asked about his stay Mr. Waters stated, “The care was first class. I would recommend this place to anyone based on the care and services I received. I thank God for this place.”

- Mr. Neal came to Eliza Bryant Village for rehabilitation services. Upon completion of his individualized rehabilitation program, Mr. Neal’s quality of life was improved with better mobility and independence with standing and walking. When asked about his stay Mr. Neal stated, “I was overcome with happiness being able to do something as simple as walk down the hallway. I couldn’t have done that without therapy.”

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