

Our Mission...

Our mission is to develop and operate a residential facility for persons with multiple sclerosis (MS). The facility is envisioned to provide care that fulfills the needs of persons with various stages and challenges of MS, including the need for 24-hour care.

In this issue of our newsletter, we want to share with you one example of housing services for persons with multiple sclerosis.

Ariel MS House is located in Seattle, Washington. This is a joint venture of Multifaith Works, which has experience in providing housing support for persons with AIDS, and the local Multiple Sclerosis Association, which brings experience in caring for persons with MS.



The Ariel MS House

<http://www.multifaith.org/MShouse/mshouse.html>

Before the establishment of Ariel House, the only alternative for persons with MS in Seattle was a nursing home. Ariel House has five rooms, with some large enough for a couple. The house is close to shopping, bus lines, a park, and other amenities.

Supportive services are provided through state-funded caregivers and volunteers. The local Multiple Sclerosis Association provides case management, rehabilitation and social work services, personal assistance, and other support. In addition, one-to-one emotional support is provided by volunteers from Multifaith Works.

Will MS House be like Ariel House?

Probably not. We are envisioning a larger facility with more comprehensive services. We are exploring many different possibilities. We bring the story of Ariel House because it shows that specialized services for persons with MS can be built. The example of Ariel House encourages and inspires us at MS House, Inc., and gives us the energy to continue our work and pursue our dream.

In future issues of this newsletter, we will bring you other examples of specialized residential services for persons with MS.

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