

Temporary Housing Goal for Amyloidosis Patients

A major obstacle in acquiring treatment for Amyloidosis at the Boston Medical Center Amyloidosis Treatment Center (BMC) in Boston, Massachusetts is the difficult search for, and the absorbent cost of, temporary housing. Our services are vital. No other organization, company or treatment center provides temporary housing in the Boston area, for the economically-disadvantaged afflicted with Amyloidosis. Prior to our apartment, the only temporary housing choices patients have found are expensive, have extensive stay restrictions, unsanitary condition, and in high crime areas. The reality is that such conditions leave Amyloid patients unable to seek treatment at this Center.

Amyloidosis is a blood malignancy, creating abnormal proteins that attach to vital organs (primarily the heart, kidneys, and liver) causing hardening of the organ and agonizing death. The disease progresses so rapidly, by the time the proper diagnosis is made, most will die without immediate treatment. It is essential to educate physicians and patients nationwide to enable early diagnosis which may save lives, and will also give back a *quality* of life that is lost; with a late diagnosis.

Secure Harbor has three goals, one mission. Our primary goal is to provide free, safe, clean and non-restrictive housing in Boston, Massachusetts, for the economically-disadvantaged patients seeking treatment for a blood malignancy known as Amyloidosis at BMC's Amyloidosis Treatment and Research Center, a leader in research and treatment for Amyloidosis. In today's economical turmoil, all patients' seeking treatment incur a financial hardship with temporary housing; we eliminate this financial hardship and the anxiety of locating accommodations during such a difficult time.

BMC's Amyloidosis Center has extended the lives of thousands of patients since 1960, led by Dr. David C. Seldin, an expert in this field of medicine. BMC has the lowest mortality rate for treating people with Amyloidosis. Unlike most of their peers, BMC accepts all Amyloid patients, regardless of their ability to pay. We choose to support Boston Medical's research and treatment efforts for these reasons. Boston Medical Center's Amyloidosis Team chooses the families according to medical need and then financial. Secure Harbor doesn't have any involvement in the people chosen to live in the apartment for treatment and evaluation. Our combined efforts with Boston Medical Center enable Amyloid patients the access to receive state-of-the-art, successful, stem cell transplantation treatment.

In addition to giving access to this treatment regimen, Secure Harbor also is able to support this Amyloidosis Treatment Center at BMC in another capacity. Each patient that receives treatment at BMC offers more experience and data to further research this disease. This is crucial to all Amyloid patients now and in the years to come.

Our apartment is less than 1 mile from BMC, (a requirement for the outpatient treatment) located at 221 Massachusetts Avenue. It is in a safe and secure apartment complex with wheelchair accessibility, elevators, underground parking (security office staffed 24 hours a day) and 24 hour surveillance.

Our program will grant access to treatment options for hundreds more in the future. Your financial support would be most graciously appreciated and used prudently.