

Our Mission

Openhouse enables San Francisco lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) seniors to overcome the unique challenges they face as they age by providing housing, direct services and community programs in order to reduce isolation and empower LGBT seniors to improve their overall health, well-being and economic security.



Openhouse In Action

Openhouse supports LGBT seniors to age independently in the community. The majority of our clients do not have children and immediate family members to provide this support, so we help them build resilient networks of friends, family, caregivers, and volunteers; increase access to LGBT- welcoming service providers; support long-term housing and financial security; and promote health, well-being, adequate nutrition and early access to care.

With co-general partner, Mercy Housing California, we recently opened the **Openhouse Community at 55 Laguna and the Bob Ross LGBT Senior Center**, San Francisco's first, and one of the nation's largest, LGBT- welcoming affordable senior housing community. Combined with 95 Laguna, which breaks ground this year, these developments will provide 119 units of

LGBT-welcoming affordable housing and 10,000+ square feet of program and office space.

Our Services

Openhouse social services include housing assistance, case management, and information and assistance. These are supplemented by peer-led support groups which offer a safe and compassionate space to share life's challenges and facilitate service linkages.

Our Friendly Visitor program provides volunteer-based companionship and emotional support to more isolated community members. Openhouse matches LGBT seniors seeking stronger community connections for regular visits with trained volunteers.

Through our **Community Engagement programs**, LGBT seniors connect through lunch groups, film screenings, exercise classes, seminars on health and wellness, outings and more. Our continuing education classes invite seniors to learn languages and explore arts and culture.

The Openhouse Training and Technical Assistance program has engaged more than 300 service provider agencies to build and expand a network of LGBT-affirming housing, health and social services.

Contact Us

Please reach out to help or learn more: info@openhouse-sf.org or (415) 296-8995.

Bob Ross LGBT Senior Center at Openhouse

The Bob Ross LGBT Senior Center at 65 Laguna Street is a key element in the broader development around the Openhouse Community at 55 Laguna, San Francisco's first purpose-built LGBT-welcoming affordable housing for seniors.