



Applications available

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Person-centered housing in a newly renovated home in Haverhill available for adults on the autism spectrum ... 24/7 staff available

The Katydid Foundation Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit founded by the mother of a young woman with autism, has two studio units for rent. The Haverhill home, featuring seven units with common areas, was fully renovated last year (2010). Experienced live-in caretakers- are available as needed.

One of the three first-floor units, as well as common areas, is handicapped-accessible. Four second-floor efficiency units are slated for live-in caretakers. Both floors also have common areas including full kitchens and living rooms. Two three-season porches are located on the first floor. Central heat/air conditioning is among the upgrades.

The self-directed setting located in a well-established neighborhood near public transportation and recreational opportunities allows residents to enjoy independence in the community and at home. Experienced staff is on hand 24/7 or as needed.

The small, individualized program is run by the nonprofit, volunteers and parents. Unlike vendor-operated group homes, the "program" fosters a flexible lifestyle created by the residents with input from their families.

The rentals and trained staff may be funded through public or private sources or a combination. We are willing to work with families to coordinate what may be a patchwork of funding options including SSI, Section 8, PCAs, DDS, fuel assistance and food stamps.

Services are ala carte and optional. Rent is capped at affordable housing levels aimed at serving low-income tenants. Section 8 vouchers are accepted.

This gracious home was rehabbed through grants from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, Haverhill Bank, the city of Haverhill and HOME funds. For a limited time, applications are available by contacting the foundation.

Under terms of the grants, applicants' income must fall under 50 percent of the federal income guidelines. For a single income the annual income cap is \$29,900.

Use and occupancy restrictions apply.
One handicap-accessible unit available on first floor.

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