

Marian Home #6 – Queen of Hope Home

On 27 July, 2018, Fairfax County's Department of Housing and Community Development released a FY19 request seeking proposals from non-profit entities to provide accommodations for intellectually disabled individuals. Marian Homes developed and submitted a business plan on September 28, 2018, focused on acquisition and renovation of a 5-bedroom, single family ranch-style home located at 6218 Apache Street in Springfield, VA.



Fairfax County approved our business proposal on December 14, 2018. We subsequently purchased the property on January 31, 2019.

We initially awarded a contract to a small business, Diana Construction, on February 5, 2019. That company subsequently requested it be released from the contract as it was unable to meet insurance and workman's compensation requirements. We then awarded a contract to Hensel Phelps to take over and complete the renovation. Major renovation actions included:

- Widening of hallway walls
- Installation of 42-inch doors on all bedrooms and bathrooms
- Installation of upgraded wall paneling
- Conversion of 3 bathrooms to ASA specifications
- Electrical upgrades
- HV/AC upgrades
- Construction of a Staff Office in the former garage
- Extensive plumbing work
- Installation of front and rear wheelchair ramps
- Repair of yard fencing repair
- Installation of 5 casement windows
- Installation of a standalone auxiliary generator

On Saturday, July 27, 2019, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington, presided over the ribbon cutting ceremony for the sixth Marian Home. Assisted by Pastor Father Barkett, the Board of Directors of Marian Homes, Inc., and Fairfax County officials, the Bishop blessed the home and especially welcomed the five adult intellectually disabled men who will reside in this totally refurbished, spacious 5-bedroom home. Representatives from the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus Father Thomas A. Casey Assembly 3596 Color Guard presented the Colors for the Ceremony. Here is a link to the Arlington Herald writeup and photos:

https://www.catholicherald.com/News/Local_News/Knights_open_sixth_home_for_people_with_intellectual_disabilities/

Our new residents (five intellectually disabled adult men) moved in on August 18, 2019.