

Greencastle of Bienterra

An Embrace Living Community

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Dear Applicant:

In response to your inquiry, enclosed is an application packet for Greencastle of Bienterra. This packet includes eligibility requirements and application papers. **Please read all this information.**

Please complete, sign and date the application papers. Any section left blank will deem the application "incomplete" and be returned to you. If any question on the forms does not apply to you, please mark it with an "n/a" or cross-through it.

Once a complete application is received, it is reviewed for preliminary eligibility according to HUD requirements. If preliminary eligibility is met, your name will be placed on the waiting list. Your name on the waiting list does not guarantee eligibility nor does it ensure housing.

This property maintains a substantial waiting list. Management cannot guarantee housing within your time frame. The waiting list is maintained in chronological order based on date and time of your application. Preference is given to extremely low income applicants or applicants displaced by government or natural disaster.

The waiting list is updated at least annually with written notification to applicants on the list. You are required to respond by returning the updated form. It is your responsibility to notify the facility office should your address, phone, or family composition change.

A thorough screening for eligibility and suitability is not done until your name is at the top or near the top of the list and you are being considered for admission. Please refer to the enclosed "Tenancy Requirement and Screening".

Sincerely,

Assistant Manager

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Our Community

Greencastle of Bienterra is a three story building with 59 units of government subsidized housing for seniors.

The community, located at 250 Bienterra Trail in Rockford, Illinois, is owned and operated by Embrace Living Communities. The building opened in 1998.

The community offers 59 one bedroom units. 3 are wheelchair accessible. 3 are for persons with mobility impairments who are in need of the features adapted for a wheelchair and/or hearing impaired persons.

Greencastle of Bienterra offers an on-site manager and service coordinator whom have completed national certification programs. Maintenance is also on site.

The community's board is a partnership between business, religious and political leaders from neighboring churches and the community.

Your Home Includes:

- * Modern appliances (stove, refrigerator)
- * Wall-to-wall carpet/vinyl
- * Individually controlled heat
- * Exhaust fans in the bathroom and kitchen
- * Water, gas heat, sewer and garbage removal
- * Air conditioning
- * Emergency alert / pendant system
- * Full bathrooms with walk-in shower

Other Community Features Are:

- * Access-control entrance
- * On site Management
- * On-site Service Coordinator
- * 24 Hour on-call maintenance
- * Wheelchair accessible
- * On site laundry facilities
- * Beauty Shop
- * Library
- * Community Room
- * Pets allowed (size, weight restrictions)
- * Elevators
- * Resident computer lab
- * Parking
- * Community patio area
- * Smoke-Free community
- * Weekly transportation to grocery and pharmacy



Eligibility & Cost

ELIGIBILITY

Management will observe all Federal, State and local laws regarding occupancy and Fair Housing. It is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status.

- AGE – persons who are age 62 years of age or older; families of which the head of household is 62 years of age or older;
- INCOME – Household gross income must be less than or equal to the maximum very low income limit set by HUD as adjusted for by family size and metropolitan area.

The current income guidelines for Winnebago County, IL as of April 14, 2017 are:

- \$21,250 for one person household
- \$24,300 for two person household

COST

Rent is based on the household's annual gross income. Currently a household is not required to pay more than 30% of the household's monthly income. Rent is payable monthly and a Security Deposit is required of one month's rent or a minimum of \$50.00 whichever is greater. Gross annual income may be adjusted based on medical and handicap expenses that exceed 3% of the gross annual income. Rent is re-determined annually.

Water, gas heat, sewer and refuse are included in the rent. Electric when paid by the household, qualifies the household for a utility allowance thus reducing the total rent the household is responsible for by that allowance amount. The utility allowance may be adjusted annually based on current utility expenses as approved by HUD.

Eligibility & Cost - Continued

- RESIDENCY HISTORY – Households with a history of disturbing neighbors; destroying property; repeated late payment and/or non-payment of rent; permitting persons not on the lease to reside in the unit; or behavior of any household member which could adversely affect the health, safety or quiet enjoyment of others of the facility will be denied occupancy. Households who have previously resided in assisted housing and have a history of failure to cooperate with the recertification process and/or have committed fraud or misrepresentation of information required to compute that person's assistance, as well as households who have been evicted from assisted housing will be denied.
- DUPLICATION OF ASSISTANCE – The unit applied for must be the applicant's sole place of residence. An applicant receiving assistance for any other unit at the time of admission will not be accepted for occupancy.
- RENT PAYMENT / CREDIT HISTORY – Households must have a satisfactory history of meeting financial obligations including rent and utilities.
- CRIMINAL BACKGROUND – Any household member with a history of criminal activity, including crimes of violence or threats of violence to another person; damage or threat to property; unlawful use of firearms; drug-related/alcohol-related criminal activity; or sexual offender cannot be accepted.
- STUDENT STATUS – There are limitations for admission of students based on legal age, familial status, veteran status and enrollment in a university or college.
- HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICES – Households with histories of unsatisfactory housekeeping will not be admitted for occupancy.
- LEASE COMPLIANCE – Ability to abide by the terms of the lease, to maintain both person and apartment in a manner which is not detrimental to either their safety or to the safety and well-being of other tenants.
- ABILITY TO ENTER INTO A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT – The head of household, spouse or co-head of the applicant household must be able to enter into a legally binding contract.

Screening Criteria

When determining eligibility and suitability, the following criteria will be evaluated.

- AGE – proof of age for each household member
- INCOME – verification of all income and assets of each household member
- PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY – Each household member must be able to provide proof of social security number.
- APPLICATION AND VERIFICATION COMPLETION - Each applicant household must fully cooperate with the application process including a complete application package and verification process including a complete application package and verification of household income. Failure to provide requested information or submission of fraudulent information will be grounds for denial.
- HOUSEHOLD SIZE LIMITATIONS – The number of persons in the household applicant family who intends to reside in the unit must not exceed local or state occupancy standards for the type of unit.

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About Embrace Living Communities

EMBRACING

OUR VISION FOR WHAT IS POSSIBLE;
OUR MISSION FOR WHAT IS NEEDED.

Mission: We are guided by a vision of affordable, welcoming homes for all actively aging adults.

Values: Our mission is to provide actively aging adults affordable, welcoming homes in communities that embrace living.

EMBRACING

OUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT.

Our brand isn't simply our name, it's our commitment. Our commitment to be a bold voice for actively aging adults and people with special housing needs who have the right to affordable housing, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

That's why we're advocates at local, state and national levels on behalf of those that call one of our communities' home and for many other actively aging adults that we'll never meet.

EMBRACING

OUR PAST, AND OUR FUTURE.

Embrace Living Communities roots are deep and our passion for what we do is even deeper. In 1895, we began as the Bensenville Home Society providing people of all ages their opportunity to embrace living through a variety of programs, services and communities.

During the course of our over 120-year history, first as ministry of the German Evangelical Church, and today, as a United Church of Christ-affiliated human service organization, our values remain unchanged:

Faith-based Advocate
Teamwork Compassion Respect
Family Responsible



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Embrace Living Communities Affordable Housing Locations

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