

## IMPORTANT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### KEY PLAYERS

- **WHA:** Washtenaw Housing Alliance
- **SJMHS:** St. Joseph Mercy Health System
- **Trinity Health:** Parent company to SJMHS
- **BoC:** Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
- **AAACF:** Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
- **SYG Fund:** Sister Yvonne Gellise Fund

### LEGEND

Planning 2004 - 08 █ Establishment 2011 - 15 █ Growth 2018 - 22 █



2004

The **Blueprint to End Homelessness** <http://www.whalliance.org/our-blueprint> is completed and rolled out at a community forum.



2006

The **500-Unit Plan** is developed, establishing the framework for the need for additional supportive housing units in the community.



2011

**SJMHS commits \$1 million, establishing SYG Fund,** a dedicated revenue stream for supportive housing services in Washtenaw County. The dedicated source is a recommendation of the Blueprint to End Homelessness, and the County Task Force.



2008

County task force recommends three strategies to provide sustainable revenue to support supportive services at 500 new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) including:

1. A \$60 million endowment with annual distribution of \$2.5 million
2. Millage strategy put on hold due to 2008 financial crisis
3. Public education continues through the WHA



2008

The county task force completes its work and presents a report with recommendations, which is approved by the BoC. The report recommends to begin Phase II of the process by establishing Public Education, Millage Strategy, and Private Endowment work groups.



2007

As part of the Blueprint to End Homelessness implementation, the **BoC creates a task force** to “explore locally viable long-term revenue sources for the creation and sustainability of supportive housing units and related services.”



2012

**AAACF matches the SJMHS commitment** with a \$1 million pledge to the SYG Fund.



2013

**An Endowment Feasibility Study by Hammond & Associates is completed.** The report identifies the need for staff support to grow the endowment.



2014

The BoC sunsets the County Task Force and work groups, and creates the **SYG Fund (PSH) Cabinet** to continue to grow an endowment for PSH services. **The first distribution of \$26,000 is provided** through AAACF to Avalon Housing.



2015

**A SYG Fund Development Coordinator staff position is established** with financial support from the WHA, AAACF, and an anonymous donor.



2022

**Annual distribution reaches \$149,988,** to be distributed to non-profit agencies providing PSH services.



2021

**SYG Fund receives a \$500K Challenge Match** from local foundation, a new \$1M commitment from Trinity Health, and the Fund reaches a valuation over \$8 million.



2019

**SYG Fund valuation reaches approximately \$4 million.** Annual distribution reaches \$79,000. Over 200 donors have contributed to the SYG Fund, including individuals, corporations, and foundations.



2018

**SYG Fund Development Coordinator position becomes an independent contractor** through WHA and is financially supported by the WHA and SJMHS.