Ohio’s first Senior Guest House is one of a dozen sites of its kind in the United States. It is designed as a temporary safe residence for older persons 60+ who must leave their home or apartment due to unforeseen circumstances, such as fire, structural damage, or the short-term absence of a critical caregiver. The Senior Guest House can accommodate up to six residents at a time. Guests must live in Cuyahoga County and must be able to manage the activities of daily living without assistance.

CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY REQUIRE REFERRAL:

- Physical, structural problems with a client’s home or apartment (e.g. collapsed roof or foundation, termite destruction, fire or flood)
- Financial issues (e.g. utilities disconnected, eviction)
- Emotional problems that place a client at risk and temporarily unable to cope
- Short-term absence of a caregiver
- Unsafe home due to hoarding behavior

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

- Resident of Cuyahoga County
- 60+ years of age
- Completed assessment prior to admission
- Development of a long-term housing plan with the referring agency
- Guests must perform the basic activities of daily living with little or no assistance
- Guests must be able to take prescribed medications without assistance
- Guests must be able to move themselves around the house safely
- Guests must have the ability to communicate needs
- Guests must be continent or willing to wear adult incontinent products

HOUSE RULES:

- No alcohol or illegal drugs on the premises
- No weapons on the premises
- No smoking inside The Senior Guest House
- Length of stay - 1 to 90 days
- No overnight guests

The Guest House is a demonstration and collaborative effort between Fairhill Center, Cuyahoga County Department of Senior & Adult Services, and the City of Cleveland Department of Aging