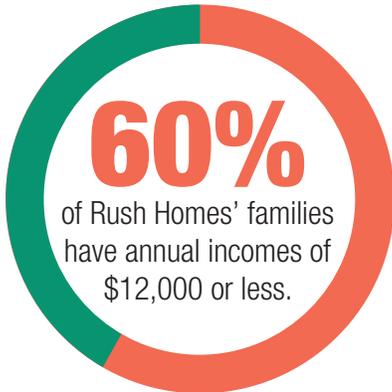


What do we mean by affordable homes?



In order to have the residual income necessary to afford the basic necessities, a family should pay no more than **30% of their income for housing and utilities**. By this standard, \$300 per month is what is “affordable.”



786

In Lynchburg, there are an estimated **786 homes for rent** at a gross rent of \$300 or less. Only **2%–3% of those are vacant**, and *most are not accessible for people with disabilities*. Families are forced to find homes at higher rents—more than they can afford—which results in **instability**.

Affordable homes matter to all of us. Why?

Housing stability increases **independence, well-being, economic activity, community involvement**, personal **financial security** and **HOPE!**

Housing stability decreases work and school **absenteeism, medical needs** and related costs, and use of **public services**.

Being able to afford rent for a home that meets ones needs eases concern and stress. Being able to afford rent brings **stability** which offers relief not only for families in need, but for all connected with them.



Rush Homes: A LOCAL organization solving a LOCAL problem with LOCAL support

18 million

amount of money Rush Homes has brought to our **local community** through the development of affordable housing.



99

total number of Rush Homes upon completion of Old Forest Village in 2018

201

the number of people **served by Rush Homes**

400

the approximate number of individuals/families on the Rush Homes **waiting list**

\$20

approximate return for each dollar donated to Rush Homes

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. —Helen Keller