

Boulder Park Apartment Chaplaincy Ministry Strategy and Job Description

Purpose: to serve the residents, management, and owners of Boulder Park Apartments by establishing a faith-based, community-building, relational support ministry through a part-time, paid apartment chaplain position.

Strategy: The intended long-term benefits of this ministry are all predicated on the **building of relationships that are characterized by trust**. The goal is to nurture and encourage relationships that are both intentionally established and organically developed.

The chaplain will **meet with residents in-person as they move in**, introduce himself and his role, and how to contact him.

The chaplain will facilitate the **planning of events for residents** that provide an opportunity for establishing and developing relationships among the residents, with the chaplain, and other representatives from the community.

The chaplain would be available to **residents seeking support for a crisis**, providing emotional first-aid, and then referring them to the appropriate professional resources for ongoing support. He would be available to help in cases of grief and loss, for a crisis response, and spiritual support when requested. He would provide referrals to those seeking various types of ongoing help, including spiritual community, financial assistance, educational needs, and counseling or mental health support, among other things.

The chaplain will **be ready to connect residents to local churches when requested**. He will maintain a list of churches, and seek to connect residents to other requested support such as financial counseling, benevolent help, tutoring for children, small group Bible studies, etc.

The chaplain will work closely with local pastors and churches to **cultivate a network of relationships and support for residents**, as well as provide the opportunity for mutual encouragement for each other, as they engage in their common goal to serve the residents of the wider community.

Ideally, the apartment chaplain would be a **long-term position** in order to provide a consistent and faithful presence for residents, and dependable connection to services and ministries in the local community. A long-term chaplain could bring a sense of continuity and consistency for residents as well as pastors, churches and ministries involved in serving them.

Over time, the intended result would be that residents are given the opportunity to experience a **constellation of supportive relationships**. We believe that this will lead to better emotional health, physical assistance when needed, overall wellness, and an opportunity to experience the grace of Jesus shown through people who are seeking to love them as neighbors, created in the image of God.