At the McGaw YMCA, a diverse population of individuals and families who live and work in Evanston and neighboring communities come together every day. The McGaw YMCA’s membership base and program participants reflect the diversity—in income, race and ethnicity, age, and ability—found in the region as a whole. This is particularly true for our Men’s Residence Program, which provides affordable rental housing, supportive services and a caring community for low-income men at various stages of their lives.

The Men’s Residence includes 172 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units on three floors of the McGaw YMCA’s headquarters at 1000 Grove Street.

**Population:**

100% of long-term and permanent Resident Members’ annual income is below the Area Median Income,

65% of Resident Members live at the McGaw YMCA for 3 or more years, and

65% of Resident Members are over 50 years old
As SRO housing faces conversion to higher income apartments and condominiums in other parts of the region, the McGaw YMCA Men’s Residence is a stable fixture in the community. The Men’s Residence maintained a 93% occupancy rate in Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015), signaling the continued demand for affordable, accessible housing in Evanston.

The McGaw YMCA is much more than a landlord. A highly-skilled and trained staff provides ongoing case management, wellness checks, and referrals to community partners and services. Through a holistic housing structure, resident members not only have a place to sleep, but have the resources and support system to help stabilize their housing and live their most productive lives.

The Mosaic Room
Completed in 2015, the Mosaic Room represents a new chapter for the Men’s Residence program. This multi-use space includes:

- A full service, ADA accessible kitchen
- An expanded John’s Cupboard providing food and toiletries for Resident Members
- Dining area
- Lounge with flat screen TV’s
- Case management office
- Desktop computers for resident members’ dedicated use
- Coffee bar
- ADA compliant bathrooms

Find out more: www.mcgawymca.org/Residence