



## **CONGREGATE HOUSING FOR THE FRAIL ELDERLY**

The Marvin is funded under Section 8-119 of the Connecticut General Statutes - Congregate Housing for the Frail Elderly. The program is under the auspices of the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing (DOH) and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA).

Eligibility for residency at The Marvin is based on the following guidelines:

- Adults 62 years of age or older, or two person families, provided one is at least 62 years of age or older;
- Total gross family annual income, from all sources, including interest from assets, cannot exceed State of Connecticut income guidelines;
- Persons who are able to live independently, but who have temporary or periodic difficulty with at least one of the essential Activities of Daily Living;
- Persons who meet the State of Connecticut criteria for Congregate Housing for the Frail Elderly.

Congregate housing is appropriate for many senior citizens who need occasional help, but do not require the breadth of services available at a nursing home. Congregate services are included for residents of The Marvin to assist them in remaining independent. Participation in the congregate services program is required. The Marvin's core congregate services include:

- One meal per day (dinner);
- Light weekly housekeeping;
- 24 hour emergency coverage;
- Linkages with city, state and private providers for support services.

## **EXPANDED CORE CONGREGATE SERVICES**

In 2000, DOH/DECD made available additional funding in order to provide some enhanced congregate services to all residents living in congregate housing, in order to enable them to remain independent longer, thereby avoiding unnecessary or early transfer to a higher level of care facility. These expanded core services include funding for:

- A Resident Services Coordinator (partial funding);
- Wellness/Prevention Programs;
- Emergency Transportation.