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**Who is CHR?**

CHR (Community Housing and Resources) is a **501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** that provides affordable workforce housing on Sanibel.



**How long has CHR been around?**

CHR was formed in 1979 and has been serving Sanibel for **38 years**. Sanibel's affordable housing program was the first of its kind in the state of Florida.



**How many properties and units does CHR have?**

CHR maintains **74 rental units** in 11 locations on Sanibel. One 12-unit complex (Casa Mariposa) is designated just for seniors.

CHR also has **14 Limited Equity Ownership (LEO) homes** which provides home ownership opportunities to those who work on Sanibel but who would not normally be able to afford to purchase a home in the island community.



**How big are the CHR units?**

We have **units ranging in size from studio to 3 bedroom/2 bathroom**.



**Where are CHR properties located?**

Unlike in other cities where affordable housing is in strictly defined areas, CHR's properties are conveniently spread **throughout the island** and blend in nicely to the the adjoining neighborhoods. A property map as well as unit photos can be found at [sanibelchr.org/our-properties](http://sanibelchr.org/our-properties).



**Who lives in CHR properties?**

Qualified **families and people who work full-time** jobs on Sanibel, as well as longtime Sanibel **residents who are retired or disabled**. The majority of CHR residents are full-time workers on the island.



**What are the eligibility requirements and how does someone apply?**

Potential residents must **meet basic requirements** before applying:

- At least one adult within the household must be currently working full time on Sanibel;
- Senior citizens or disabled individuals who are not working must be year-round residents on Sanibel.
- Additionally, there are **annual entry income levels** that applicants cannot exceed

After meeting **basic eligibility requirements**, potential residents must fill out an application and pay an application fee. Points are assigned based on income level, length of time working on Sanibel, and length of residency on Sanibel. Vacancies are filled following the points assigned.



### How is rent determined? How much do residents usually pay?

Rent is calculated on **30% of gross household income**. In 2015, our average rent was \$690.



### How many people are currently living in CHR homes?

We average **about 150 people** in our homes each year.



### How is CHR funded?

CHR's budget is dependent upon **3 main sources of income**:

- Rent from our residents (61%),
- Administrative support from the City of Sanibel (26%),
- Grants and donations from generous supporters (13%), including revenue from our biggest fundraiser of the year, **Mardi Gras**.



### Is CHR a department of the City of Sanibel?

No. CHR is not a department of the city, however in 1983, an ordinance was passed by the City of Sanibel that established the Affordable Housing Program and CHR was **designated as the city's housing foundation**. To support this, the city provides support and CHR has a liaison on the city council.



### Who works for CHR?

CHR currently has **6 staff** members, 11 volunteer **board members**, and some very **dedicated volunteers** who often help with CHR projects, many of whom are CHR residents. CHR's board president is Richard Johnson of Bailey's General Store and the Executive Director is Kelly Collini.



### Why does Sanibel need affordable housing?

Affordable housing makes living on Sanibel possible for people that otherwise may not be able to, **creates diversity** on the island, and most importantly, **gives a "hand up" to many deserving people**.

- Sanibel's economy depends on the hundreds of people who provide services through island retail and other businesses;
- Living on the island removes the stress and high cost of a long daily commute for workers;
- Workers who live on the island can be available at short notice and are able to be more reliable employees;
- Social and economic diversity is a priority for Sanibel and a part of The Sanibel Plan;
- Everyone benefits when the island work force lives in the community and participates in schools, organizations, churches and community events;
- No one should have to leave a familiar community because of age, disability or finances.



### How can someone find out more about CHR?

- Browse CHR's website at [SanibelCHR.org](http://SanibelCHR.org)
- Call the CHR office at **239.472.1189**
- Visit the CHR Office, located inside the Center4Life Building at **2401 Library Way**
- Connect with us on LinkedIn by searching **Community Housing & Resources, Inc.**
- Like us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/SanibelCHR](http://www.Facebook.com/SanibelCHR)
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