



# Accessible Space, Inc.

HOUSING WITH CARE®

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## A Letter from the Chair



### What's on our minds? Funding!

In 2012, the federal government curtailed the Section 811 and Section 202 programs that ASI had used so successfully to build accessible, affordable homes. Today, in large part, the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program has taken their place.

Over the past several years, ASI has sharpened our LIHTC expertise. The competition for limited funds is intense so we are not building as many developments as we did during the HUD years. But utilizing LIHTCs gives us the ability to build much larger developments and house more people per project. Economies of scale are a significant benefit.

### **New ASI Developments**

The number of accessible, affordable “Housing with Care” developments completed since 2012 is encouraging—two in Hudson, Wisconsin; two in Anchorage, Arkansas; twelve in Las Vegas, Nevada; one in Kansas City, Kansas; two in Greeley, Colorado; one in McAlester, Oklahoma; and one in Freeport, Illinois.

### **Nevada Initiatives**

Nevada has been a bright spot on the map for ASI. It has been the most supportive state in the union—even more so than Minnesota, where ASI once built most of its accessible developments. The state has truly invested in the programming and funding initiatives to create homes for extremely low-income people with brain injuries, as well as veterans and seniors.

Meanwhile, ASI’s Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP) is growing. This outstanding rehab center for people with acquired and traumatic brain injuries is expanding the scope of its offerings and attracting more and more people to its care. It has been our privilege to work in tandem with NCEP to help develop supportive homes and address the rehabilitation needs of people with brain injuries. The work is a crucial arm of ASI’s mission.

### **Ongoing Optimism**

I’ve always appreciated Accessible Space’s optimism. In 1978, when the fledgling nonprofit first incorporated, the dream of building homes for underserved people was a long shot. Today, the dream is a reality. Our hope remains strong and we are more determined than ever to serve our consumers. It is a privilege.

Especially now, we honor the individuals who support Accessible Space with private donations. You help us maintain our older buildings, offer essential supportive living services and build homes from the ground up.

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The mission of Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) is to provide housing with care for persons with physical disabilities and brain injuries, as well as seniors and veterans. This mission is accomplished through the development, management and ownership of accessible, affordable housing, assisted living and rehabilitation services.