



Metropolitan Area Recovery Calm House M.A.R.C.H

Every resident deserves safe spaces to heal. If a facility like MARCH was provided for me upon my re entry, I would have been able to have a support system in a safe place helping me heal with my past traumas. I would have felt more comfortable dealing with my drug addiction around positive people. I would have had the resources which would have prevented me from being a recidivism statistic. MARCH will help people struggling with substance use disorder, victims of violence, or persons in a mental health crisis.

The Problem

People who have survived violence, substance use disorder, or are experiencing a mental health crisis are often presented with only two bad options – **the hospital or jail.**

The Impact

- 🌸 Emergency service agencies receive **200 million 911 calls** each year.
- 🌸 Mental illness costs the U.S. economy **\$193.2 billion in lost earnings** every year.
- 🌸 **44%** of people in jail have a **mental health diagnosis.**
- 🌸 2% women in state suffers with PTSD and 3% in federal.
- 🌸 Jails are not equipped to address health challenges.

The Solution:

DC should fund a short-term residential whole-person wellness home so they can heal in a safe, supportive, and culturally appropriate environment.

By October 2026, DC should fund 4 MARCH wellness facilities, one in each of the four quadrants of the city, operated by local non profit organizations.

There are only **sixteen** community-based crisis beds (all in SE) where people can stay for a week or two to receive professional mental health services.

Read More:

Coalition seeks to overhaul DC emergency response to mental health crises - The Washington Post



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