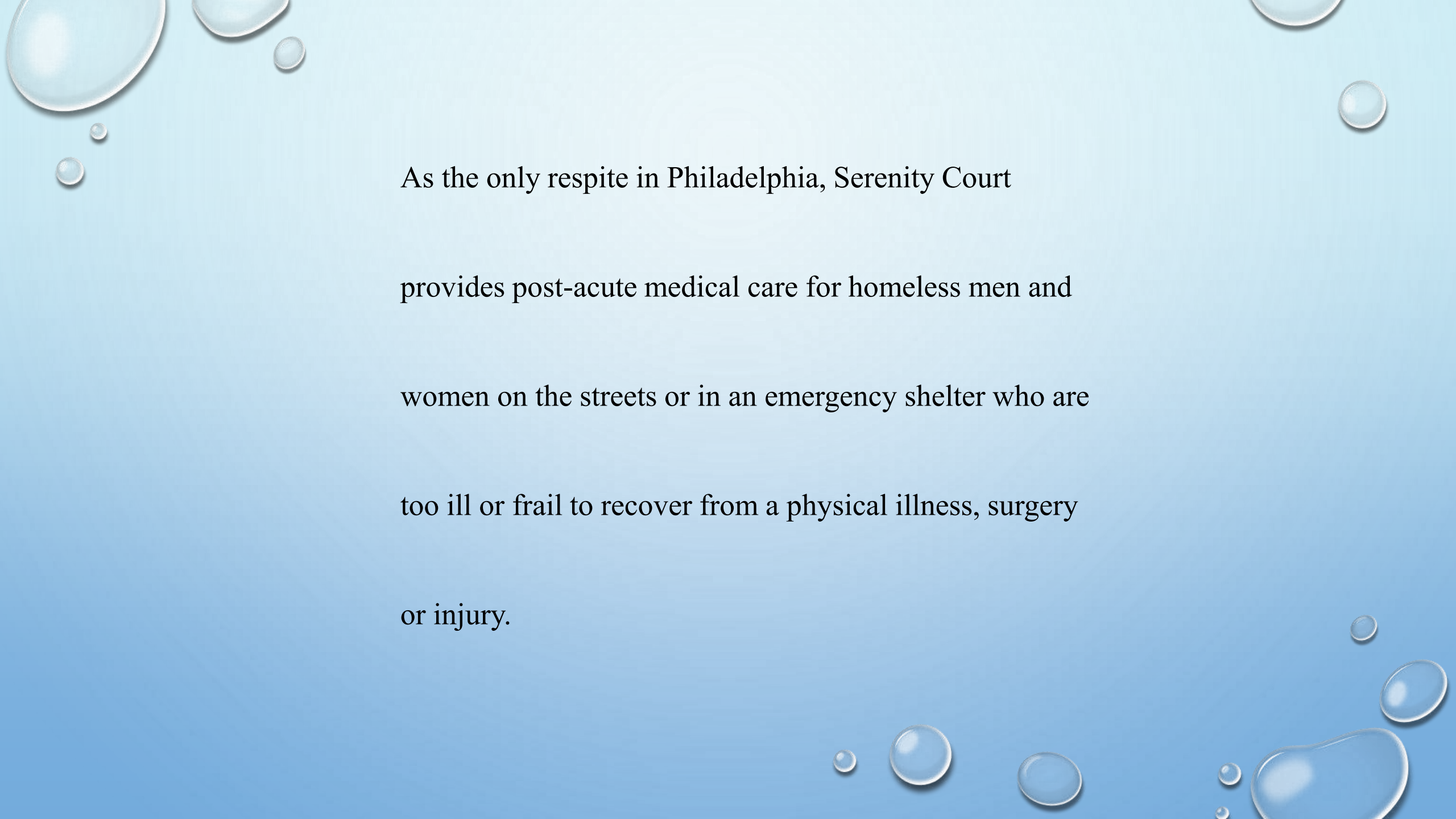
The background is a light blue gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across the surface. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

PHMC SERENITY COURT MEDICAL RESPITE FOR THE HOMELESS

GINA GENTILE, MSN RN



As the only respite in Philadelphia, Serenity Court provides post-acute medical care for homeless men and women on the streets or in an emergency shelter who are too ill or frail to recover from a physical illness, surgery or injury.

● IN 2014 THE MEDICAL
● RESPITE STARTED AS A
PILOT STUDY WITH
LIMITATIONS

4 BEDS FOR MALES ONLY

MUST BE ABLE TO AMBULATE 2 SETS OF
STAIRS

NO OXYGEN PERMITTED

NO SEXUAL OFFENDERS PERMITTED



WITHIN A YEAR, THE DEMAND FOR MORE BEDS WAS
EXPRESSED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

WOMEN
TRANSGENDER PATIENTS
PATIENTS ON OXYGEN
HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY
PATIENTS LISTED ON MEGAN'S LAW

**MAY 2018 SERENITY COURT MOVES
TO A 20 BED STAND ALONE
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE FACILITY**



FUNDING SOURCES

CONTRACTED LOCAL HOSPITALS – RESPITE COST IS \$300 A NIGHT AND A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$275 FOR RESERVED BEDS (ANNUAL CONTRACT)

KEYSTONE FIRST AND HEALTH PARTNERS HAVE CONTRACTED FOR OVERNIGHT STAYS FOR COLONOSCOPY PREPS

OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES (OHS) UTILIZE THE RESPITE WHEN A HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE PRESENTS TO THE SHELTER

APPLY FOR GRANTS TO ASSIST PATIENTS AT THE MEDICAL RESPITE WHENEVER POSSIBLE



CLIENTS SERVED AND ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- 1. PATIENT IS CURRENTLY HOMELESS.
- 2. PATIENT IS INDEPENDENT IN ALL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (ADLS) AND INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (IADLS).
- 3. PATIENT IS ABLE TO AMBULATE AND TRANSFER INDEPENDENTLY WITH OR WITHOUT USE OF ASSISTIVE DEVICES.
- 4. PATIENT IS CONTINENT OF BOWEL AND BLADDER.
- 5. PATIENT IS NOT ACUTELY INTOXICATED AND IS NOT LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT ALCOHOL OR DRUG WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS.
- 6. PATIENT IS WILLING TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE PHMC SERENITY COURT MEDICAL RESPITE.
- 7. PATIENT IS OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.
- 8. PATIENT IS AN UNACCOMPANIED ADULT.

CHALLENGES AT THE RESPITE

- PATIENTS ON OXYGEN WHO DO NOT MEET SNF CRITERIA
- THOSE WITH BEHAVIORAL ISSUES UNABLE TO RETURN TO SHELTER AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SKILLED NURSING
- UNDOCUMENTED AND UNINSURED PATIENTS
- PATIENTS ON MEGAN'S LAW IN NEED OF A SKILLED NURSING
- THE INABILITY TO RENT A ROOM ON A FIXED INCOME DUE TO THE INCREASE OF MONTHLY RENTAL COSTS



DISCHARGE OUTCOMES FY 2021 JULY – JUNE 2021 TOTAL OF 98 PATIENTS SERVED

INDEPENDENT HOUSING: 6

FAMILY OR FRIEND: 18

PERMANENT SUPPORTED HOUSING: 3

SKILLED NURSING FACILITY: 12

PERSONAL CARE BOARDING HOME: 4

RAPID REHOUSING: 2

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: 1

SUBSTANCE TREATMENT: 9

MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY: 0

RE-HOSPITALIZED: 8

AMA: 12

CITY SHELTER: 19

STILL PRESENT: 4

TOTAL: 98 PATIENTS SERVED (-) 12 LEFT AMA = 86 PATIENTS

19 PATIENTS PREFERRED TO RETURN TO SHELTER - OF THE 67

REMAINING

77% OF PATIENTS WERE FOUND HOUSING AND ONLY 8% WERE RE-
HOSPITALIZED.



FUTURE POSSIBILITIES AT SERENITY COURT

CONNECTING WITH ADDITIONAL MAT FACILITIES (METHADONE OR
SUBOXONE) FOR CONTINUITY OF TREATMENT WHILE RECEIVING
SERVICES AT THE RESPITE. CURRENTLY METHADONE RESTRICTED TO
2 OUTPATIENT FACILITIES

ACCEPTING PREGNANT WOMEN IN NEED OF BED REST

ACCEPTING PATIENTS ON TPN (TOTAL PARENTERAL NUTRITION)





PHMC HEALTH CARE
FOR THE HOMELESS