In 1993, Housing Up opened Partner Arms 1 as a transitional housing facility for 14 formerly homeless families in DC. Housing Up adopted a new strategic vision and direction in 2004 which expanded our work in the housing continuum from solely transitional housing to include the development of permanent housing. As a result, we converted Partner Arms 1 to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) in 2011 for chronically homeless families with a diagnosed mental or physical disability, a history of domestic violence, or chronic illness. At Partner Arms 1, families have access to stable housing, a dedicated case manager and community-building events in the community room and on-site gardens.

The conversion of Partner Arms 1, our oldest property, from transitional housing to PSH created a successful model for taking older, legacy Housing Up facilities and converting them to more affordable, permanent housing solutions for families.