

Appendix A

Neighborhood Impact

Journey House Campus Housing Initiative - Executive Summary

A social issue that needs the greater community's attention is the need for "campus housing" for urban youth who are "couch surfers." At Journey House, many of our teens have "homes" but no beds. When they sleep on the couch, they are sharing it with two other brothers or sisters. We know teens who have never slept in a bed in their entire life. Although they are not technically "homeless" or in foster care, they do not know where they will sleep at night. They rotate homes of their friends, cousins, and other family members. They are present every evening at Journey House helping, studying, and playing. They are trying to do the best that they can. They need a safe place to sleep and a bed. This problem is much deeper and more pervasive than anyone can imagine. If replicated in other US urban centers, this program could offer a solution to teenage homelessness, foreclosed properties, and blighted commercial buildings and spaces in urban neighborhoods. Milwaukee County Housing awarded Journey House \$200K with an additional Master Lease to begin planning and development for 8 to 12 units (one-bedroom apartments) for youth aging out of foster care (ages 18 to 25).

Goals

1. **PRIORITY: Increase access of affordable, safe living for youth ages 18 to 25 who are aging out of foster care or "couch surfing" (homeless)**
 - a. 24 affordable housing units and opportunities for Wraparound motivated youth and community youth (target population 18 to 25), who are in need of affordable, safe, and goal-oriented positive environment.
 - b. Cultural environment will include college campus style living and professional workforce aspiration.
 - c. Youth will excel in a positive environment, attend college or participate in workforce, and become successfully self-sufficient residents of our community.
2. Transform foreclosed and blighted properties into affordable living spaces
3. Showcase residential properties (former blighted or foreclosed properties) in the neighborhood with aesthetics (new siding, window, roof, landscaping) to inspire neighborhood

Benefits of Clarke Square Neighborhood Locations:

1/2 block from Journey House Packers Stadium and Milwaukee County Mitchell Park

3 blocks from Journey House Center for Family Learning and Youth Athletics

High traffic location with increased traffic on football and lacrosse game days

(Journey House Packers Football Stadium is the Home Field of Journey House Football and Cheerleading League and Marquette University High School Freshman and JV Football & Lacrosse)

Potential Residential Tenants:

1. 2 one-bedroom full kitchen and 4 efficiency units reserved for Milwaukee County Wraparound Youth (ages 18 to 25); potential of one of these units to be designated for a Wraparound Case Manager or Specialist to live on-site. Journey House will provide Wraparound services including workforce development, on-the-job training, adult education (GED and/or English Language Learning), college coaching, and recreation.