

Expanding Hope for the Homeless

Request

House of Charity requests support for its capital campaign which will double the capacity of its addiction and mental health treatment program, build a new Food Centre serving up to 350 people per day, and provide 61 apartments for people experiencing long-term homelessness.

A grant of \$50,000 would support the construction of the Support Services Center.

Services and Housing to Meet Urgent Needs for Downtown Minneapolis

Capital gifts will be applied to the construction of the three-story House of Charity Support Services Center which includes:

- A new Food Centre meeting the food needs for nearly 350 people experiencing homelessness every day. The new Centre will have many amenities attractive to the guests and the neighborhood including an indoor vestibule for people waiting for meals to open and off street loading.
- An addiction and mental outpatient treatment facility with twice the capacity of the current one.
- Offices for the case managers in our scattered site apartment program with more privacy and group meeting space.

The Support Services Center must be built to make way for the second phase, five-story, Park7 Apartments (to be financed with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits from the State of Minnesota):

- 61 new studio apartments for people experiencing long-term homelessness - smoke-free, sober, and pet friendly with support services on site and easy access to the outpatient addiction and mental health treatment program.
- Some units reserved for veterans experiencing homelessness and youth (18-24).

Cost

The entire project will cost \$23.8 million - \$5.7 million in private capital and \$18.31 million in public and private debt. The finished buildings will be located on 7th and Park, the location of the current House of Charity Food Centre on Park and the former Finance and Commerce building on 7th street, perpendicular to the Food Centre.

We have currently raised 52% of the capital needed. We have focused the capital campaign fundraising on larger corporations with an interest in Downtown Minneapolis. We have strong support from the Minneapolis Downtown Council and the City of Minneapolis. To date we have raised \$369,479.

Mission and History

House of Charity's mission is: Feed those in need, house those experiencing homelessness, and empower individuals to achieve independence. We provide:

- Safe and sober transitional housing for long-term homeless men and women.
- A Housing First scattered site apartment permanent housing program.
- An outpatient addiction and mental health program.
- Comprehensive case management for all clients in the housing and treatment programs.
- Daily meals at the Food Centre for the general public and for transitional housing residents.

In 1953, our founder, Brother de Paul (also known as Tom Kondrak), responded to the need he saw around him by providing food and shelter to the poor in Minneapolis. House of Charity's first dining table sat five people and the first overnight guests slept on the floor. From these humble beginnings, House of Charity has grown from simply meeting basic needs, to addressing the root causes of an individual's long-term instability, such as untreated addiction disorders and mental illness. The Food Centre serves up to 350 people every day, we provide housing to more than 200 people, and we offer outpatient addiction and mental health treatment for 50 people at a time.