Lantern Light: A YWCA Supported Residence

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- Apartment homes range from one to four bedrooms, **housing about 60 individuals**. There will also be community rooms, and a playground.
- The total renovation cost is an estimated $6 million.
- YWCA has **partnered with the Union of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary since 2006**. We have a **shared purpose** of helping vulnerable people.
- The Presentation Center was **built in 1984** to be home and worship quarters for the Sisters of the Presentation. The Sisters relocated in the fall of 2020.
- YWCA and the Sisters collaborated to name the new housing site.
- In 1770s Ireland, **Nano Nagle**, foundress of the Presentation Sisters, cared for widows and orphans. Bringing food, medicine, and comfort late into the night, she carried her lamp through alleyways and became known as the **Lady of the Lantern**.

**Construction is estimated to begin in Spring 2022 and we anticipate welcoming families to Lantern Light in 2023.**

Proximity of Lantern Light to YWCA Emergency Shelter will provide a **campus-like environment for women and children**.

- YWCA is purchasing the Presentation Center with **proceeds from the sale of the building that housed A Child’s World childcare center**.
- Funding for renovation is being requested from the HOME, North Dakota Housing Incentive Fund, National Housing Trust Fund, and the Affordable Housing Program.
- Operating costs for Lantern Light will be covered with **rents paid by occupants and rental housing assistance**.
- **Staffing and on-site services will be supported through annual investment growth** from YWCA's endowment. YWCA will **fundraise to scale the endowment** to the size needed to sustain Lantern Light operations.
- **YWCA will announce opportunities for donating** to support families that will call Lantern Light home.
- **Beyond Shelter, Inc. is sharing affordable housing expertise** with YWCA to develop and finance the residence.
- **Shultz & Associates Architects**, architects of YWCA’s Emergency Shelter and Grace Garden, will redesign Lantern Light.