

# Lantern Light

## A YWCA SUPPORTED RESIDENCE



- + Lantern Light: A YWCA Supported Residence will provide **homes for 23 families** at risk of homelessness, many of them survivors of domestic violence.
- + 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 over \$8 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**.
- + Proximity of Lantern Light to YWCA Emergency Shelter will provide a **campus-like environment for women and children**.
- + YWCA purchased the Sacred Heart Convent in June 2022.
- + Funding for renovation has been secured by HOME, ARP, 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 assistance for 15 years secured through the Fargo Housing Authority**.
- + **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, projected at \$6.2M.
- + **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, **have worked on the redesign of Lantern Light**.
- + **Roers Construction** general contractors **began renovation** to Lantern Light in **August 2022**.



YWCA Cass Clay CEO, Erin Prochnow, (left) and Sister Mary Margaret Mooney (right) of the Union of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*We anticipate welcoming families to Lantern Light in late 2023.*

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