

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, 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**.
- + **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**.
- + **Staffing and on-site services will be supported through annual investment growth** from YWCA's endowment. YWCA is **fundraising to scale the endowment** to the size needed to sustain Lantern Light operations. Projected at \$6.2M, over \$3M has been committed.



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.

The grand opening of Lantern Light will be November 2, 2023.

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