

CONNECTING HEARTS TO HOME

7540 Washington: A Mission-driven Housing Development

Home should be a safe place where you seek peace and comfort. Unfortunately, there are many in Kansas City who do not have a safe place to call home. This is especially true for people with mental illness, and more so among youth with disabilities who have aged out of foster care and have no where else to turn. In an effort to break the cycle of homelessness among these individuals and empower them to live independently, concerned members of the community have joined to develop a local permanent housing solution through reStart Housing Services, Inc.

The garden-style apartments will be located in an established Waldo neighborhood and are being designed based on extensive feedback from community members, industry professionals and potential residents. While this program will primarily serve young adults, all qualifying adults will be eligible. All residents will meet income guidelines and will be provided mental health support programs, vocational training and other services to promote independent living. The goal is to create a welcoming environment for these individuals to thrive as well as being a vibrant addition to the local economy and neighborhood landscape.

Homes with a purpose.

Project Facts:

- \$2.2 million local investment
- 14-unit apartment building w/live-in resident manager
- 1-bedroom units w/shared laundry and community room
- Housing for single young adults with mental health disabilities
- Supported by 5-year SAMHSA grant
- Residents provided with supportive programming tailored to their needs
- Environmentally sustainable and fully accessible building design/landscaping

- Residents referred from Jackson County's four Community Health Centers through their Uniting Pathways case management program, which provides services for youth aging out of foster care with services customized to give youth a voice and choice in the decisions impacting their lives
- Use of local labor, contractors and resources during all project phases
- Construction to begin spring, 2014; housing open to residents early 2015



Only 46% of young people with mental illness will be able to secure/maintain a job vs. 62% among the general young adult population.*



Just 4% of young people with mental illness obtain a college education.*

Only 21% of youth with mental illness graduate from high school.*



39% of the homeless population are youth age 18 and under; 25% of these youth have a mental illness diagnosis.**



* Source: Uniting Pathways Project, Jackson County, Missouri

**Source: National Coalition for the Homeless

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Architectural rendering of the apartment building exterior.



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