

Mariners Inn receives \$1,000,000 grant from the McGregor Fund for New Housing Development Project: The Anchor!

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June 30, 2022 -- Mariners Inn, a human service agency that provides residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment, counseling, housing, health services, and job placement, is building a new facility in District Detroit. The Anchor! will be constructed at the corner of Cass Avenue and Ledyard Street on the current Mariners Inn campus across the street from Little Caesars Arena. It will include one bedroom permanent supportive housing apartments for men and women, recovery housing units, and programmatic space and staff offices. Plans also call for retail space along Cass Avenue. Current structures on the site will remain.

According to Mariners Inn CEO David Sampson, “An inadequate supply of affordable housing is one of the most significant gaps in the substance abuse treatment system. The extremely high cost of this cycle of homelessness, in human and economic terms, can be seen in the lives of the men who come through the doors of Mariners Inn. This new facility will give us the opportunity to provide a continuum of services, from emergency shelter to permanent supportive housing, all in close proximity to ensure successful cost-effective treatment, case management, and aftercare for the people we serve.”

“For decades, Mariners Inn has offered hope and community to Detroiters experiencing substance use disorder and homelessness,” said Kate Levin Markel, President of the McGregor Fund. “The Anchor! represents years of hard work and capacity building. With this project, the Inn will take its work to the next level, serve more Detroiters, and participate in the economic life of its transforming neighborhood. The McGregor Fund is extremely pleased to provide this support for recovery and permanent supportive housing units to such an important partner.”

The McGregor Fund is a private foundation established in 1925 by gifts from Katherine and Tracy McGregor “to relieve the misfortunes and promote the well-being of humankind.” The geography of principal interest is the city of Detroit and Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, and its grant making prioritizes basic needs, recovery and restoration, and transformational skill building opportunities for teens and adults in poverty. The McGregor Fund has granted over \$270 million since its founding and had assets of nearly \$234 million as of June 30, 2021. Visit www.mcgregorfund.org for additional information.

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