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Collington Square's Next Oxford House

Over the past two months EHC has made significant progress on the construction of the new Oxford House in the Collington Square neighborhood of east Baltimore.

Three vacant row houses on Mura Street are being converted into a seven bedroom home for men in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. The house will provide the men with a safe and stable environment in which to continue their recovery. The Oxford House program is based on a national model, which requires that the house is self-run by the residents. The men must be employed, pay rent, and contribute to the maintenance of the house. The men must remain clean and sober while they live in the house.



Renovations at the Oxford House on Mura St.

Southway Builders is the general contractor for the project, and Arch Tech Design LLC is the architect. The project is expected to be completed in the Summer of 2008. EHC organizer Buddy Jones will coordinate the recruitment for the house and will work with the men to get the program up and running. "We are very pleased to expand the Oxford House concept in Baltimore" said EHC executive director Daniel McCarthy. "We believe that Oxford Houses are a valuable way to provide support those who are committed to their recovery from substance abuse."

EHC Annual Report 2007

The annual report for 2007 is now available.

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Blossoming in Remington

Anticipating April showers and May flowers EHC sponsored a project to help bring color to the Remington neighborhood. The Public Gardens Project of Remington promotes the planting of various annual spring blooming bulbs around the neighborhood. The buds are offered free to any neighborhood resident. Community members and volunteers spent Saturdays in December planting them in green spaces and along neighborhood streets. April and May warm weather has brought a rush of beautiful color to the streets.



The HMCC will be able to provide needed civic space when completed.

Harris - Marcus Center Project Is Underway

EHC has partnered with Newborn Holistic Ministries on the development of the Harris-Marcus Center. Once completed the renovated 3-story building will provide community civic space, office space, and art studios. Located at 1947 Pennsylvania Avenue, The Harris-Marcus Center is the last piece of Newborn Holistic Ministries' efforts to reclaim all corners of the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Presstman Street from vacancy.

Fundraising for the project is well underway. Over 60 percent of the renovation budget raised has been secured. Thanks to the sponsorship of State Senator Vera Jones and Delegate Keith Haynes, the project was awarded a State Bond Bill in the amount of \$350,000. Additional support has come from Kroiz Architecture, in providing design services, which includes the preservation of the existing storefront and an addition to the rear of the building. Construction is expected to begin in early 2009.

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