

December 8, 2014

Harless Center Update

Even as the weather has turned colder and classes are winding down, work continues at the Harless Center and Central Place Apartments. Each day brings exciting progress. **We are grateful for the many ways you have helped us bring this dream to life through gifts, prayers, and volunteer hours this year.**



Ongoing fundraising

We continue to work towards our end of the year fundraising goal of \$635,000 to furnish the Harless Center, pay off development debt, and cover the first year's program expense. If we can raise \$500,000 by mid-December an anonymous donor has pledged \$135,000 to help us meet our goal. Donations can be made online through PayPal and the Presbyterian Foundation: <http://www.harlesscenter.org/donations/> or mailed to 293 Willey Street/Morgantown, WV 26505.



Lilly Endowment Grant

The Westminster Foundation of WV received \$100,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. in Indianapolis to support a five-year program on vocation for college students. This grant will support staff and programs housed at Harless Center: two Christian Ministry and Vocation interns, a Faith and Life Speaker series four times a year, and an annual vocational discernment retreat open to residents.

Harless Center

The foundation of Harless Center is beginning to take shape, and the center will be well under way by January. Plans are being finalized for the commercial kitchen; kitchen equipment and the center's furnishings will be ordered early next year!

Leasing Begins

We begin taking applications on Monday, December 8. Drywall is going up in the apartments and a model unit will be open in mid-January 2015.

Staffing

We are receiving applications for our resident interns. We are seeking six interns to live in Central Place and help support the programs and operations of the Harless Center. Two will focus primarily on Christian ministry. The other four will focus in areas of Community Service, Fun and Fellowship, Multi-faith conversations, and Community Building and Communications. An integral part of the vision of this complex and center are these peer leaders who will plan programs for the residents and check in on them throughout the year. If you know a student who would be an ideal candidate, please refer them to director@harlesscenter.org or <http://www.harlesscenter.org/programs/staff/> to find the description and application process; applications are due December 22, 2014.

Keep in touch

You can follow us at www.harlesscenter.org. You can also help support us by scheduling us to speak in your community. We are glad to speak and share about the project at your organization or with your youth group. Please call Shelly Barrick Parsons, Executive Director, 304-292-4061 to set up a time for someone to come and speak. If you are in the area and would like a tour, please call us.



Stucco installation on Central Place Apartments (background), Harless Center Footings (foreground)