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While students took a break over Christmas, work continued on the Harless Center and Central Place apartments and plans continued for the staffing and programs of the project. Here is an update on the project and board.

Harless Center

The foundation of the Harless Center was poured in late 2014. Since December, the steel frame has gone up, along with the roof and floor. Plans are being finalized for the commercial kitchen equipment, and the furnishings for the community center, offices, chapel, fitness center, and lounges.



Now Leasing for May 2015

The apartment community will open in May and students have begun signing leases. We offer two leasing options, August-May (9-month) and May-May (12-month). A model apartment is now available for tours. We hope to reach full occupancy before opening in May 2015.



Living area in model apartment

Programming and Staffing

Over the Christmas break and at the start of the spring semester, three of the six interns were hired to live in the Central Place apartments and to help support the programs and operations of the Harless Center. If you

know someone who would be an ideal candidate, please refer them to director@harlesscenter.org. In addition, plans are underway for programs that will kick off this fall in three areas: Fellowship, Community Service, and Multi-faith conversations. Specific programs include a free meal once a week for all residents, community service teams

and sign up fairs on site, and a Faith and Life Speaker series that invites professionals to come and share about the intersections of their beliefs and life work.

Ongoing fundraising and events

We continue to work towards our fundraising goal of \$635,000 to furnish the Harless Center, pay off development debt, and cover the first year's program expenses. Through gifts from individuals, family foundations, and grants, over \$256,000 was raised in 2014. We are planning a dedication event in the spring and a grand opening week in the fall; check our website and Facebook page for more details. Donations can be made online at PayPal and the Presbyterian Foundation: <http://www.harlesscenter.org/donations/> or mailed to 293 Willey Street/Morgantown, WV 26505 payable to Harless Center, Inc.



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Connect with us online

- Website: www.HarlessCenter.org
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/HarlessCenter
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Connect with us in person

The Executive Director and board members are available to:

- Speak at your church or religious community
- Speak at a community organization or event
- Lead a youth program or adult class
- Provide publicity materials
- Set up a display

Please call Shelly Barrick Parsons, Executive Director, 304-292-4061 for more information or to explore other ways your community can learn about the mission of Harless Center and Central Place apartments.

If you are going to be in Morgantown, and would like a tour, please call us.