Celebrating a Successful Housing Initiative

Housing is a human right, and at LMM we work tirelessly to help end homelessness for the people we serve in their time of need. After recently exceeding our goal of $3.5 million by $745,000, we know how important it is to pause and celebrate the success YOU helped make happen!

On August 4th, we gathered on Bonna Avenue at the Cleveland Browns-sponsored house, which was the first house acquired as part of the BNG campaign, with help from the Cuyahoga Land Bank. Though the house’s renovation tools longer than others because it was a full remodel, the home’s completion came at just the right time, allowing for us to cut the ribbon and walk through the beautiful interior! Our partners at Humble Design fully furnished the home for our families.

Designers Sai Sinbondit and his team, including TRY, worked to reconfigure the duplex to add two bedrooms, totalling three upstairs, and three downstairs (ADA accessible). This allows for two families to move in with adequate space.

"I think the families will enjoy the big space, filled with natural daylight and the nice big kitchen," says Sai. "As a designer, to work on a meaningful project like this, while working with wonderful people and having fun doing it, was a dream."

In addition to the ribbon cutting, we invited the neighborhood for fellowship and a taste of what to expect from our Metro45 Food Truck. It was wonderful meeting the neighbors and telling them about LMM. Two of the neighbors came by and told us their stories of having once been residents of our Men’s Shelter, and how happy they are to welcome the ribbon and walk through the beautiful home.

Walking through the newly renovated home.

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Sam checks out the space before the kids move in. He approves!

Thanks to those of you who were able to join in the fun, and to all of you who helped make this monumental milestone possible.

There will always be more work to do in the area of housing families exiting homelessness. If you’d like to contribute, there’s still time to show your support.

$4,245,000 RAISED
GOAL $3.5 Million

Cleveland Browns House ribbon cutting ceremony.

Want to stay involved?
We will be putting out safe for in-kind donations and volunteers in the coming months as projects arise at the homes.

Take a virtual look at the home!

Leadership in the BNG Neighborhood

Meet the Executive Director of the St. Clair-Superior Development Corporation (SCSCD), where all of our Breaking New Ground (BNG) families will live! Jeremy Taylor is entering year two in this role. He’s known as a visionary leader and committed community organizer who resides in the neighborhood he serves.

Q: Why is St Clair-Superior (SCS) a great place for a family, including your own?
A: SCS has access to everything in the city of Cleveland including Lake Erie, Downtown and University Circle. There is a lot to explore here.

Q: How will the completion of LMM’s Breaking New Ground affordable housing initiative impact the neighborhood?
A: LMM adds to the layering of different types of housing that is needed in the neighborhood. They are a strong community partner and attract volunteers that collaborate on everything from delivering resources to community cleanups. Most importantly, adding to the diversity of and strengthening our housing stock.

Q: What is the status of the mid-way bike lanes or other biking resources that will benefit BNG families?
A: The Superior Midway, as I understand it, is fully funded. Right now, we are working with our partners at MidTown, CDC, Campus District, Bike Cleveland, and the City of Cleveland to understand the timeline for construction and most importantly the community engagement strategy for this protected pedestrian infrastructure. We will be impacted the most by the project who live in the neighborhoods who will be impacted the most by the project who have limited access to walking and biking resources in the neighborhood. We will be impacted the most by the project who have limited access to walking and biking resources.

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Q: Is there still a need to show your support?
A: Yes, there is! There’s still time to show your support by donating or volunteering and help make the neighborhood a great place for a family.

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https://www.lutheranmetro.org/home-page/breaking-new-ground/