



WRITING OUR NEXT CHAPTER TOGETHER

A CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT
THE FUTURE OF

SAINT
LEONARD'S
MINISTRIES





For nearly 70 years, Saint Leonard's Ministries has provided holistic reentry services to individuals exiting Illinois jails and prisons. Providing access to safe housing, life skills training, behavioral and physical healthcare, and workforce development training, residents are empowered to lead whole and productive lives.

As we approach the next chapter in the Saint Leonard's story, we are fueled by an unwavering passion for our mission and strive to be agile and responsive to the ever-evolving needs of the men and women who depend on our organization to help them alter the direction of their lives.

I am proud to lead this Institution, and I hope you will walk alongside us into the next chapter of our work - one centered in belonging, reflecting the voices and needs of the community, and ambitious in its pursuit to live our values proclamation: everybody matters, love heals, hope motivates, respect empowers, and dedication rewards.



Zack Schrantz

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Executive Director

"Prisoner reentry is one of the biggest public crises in the US.

We lead the world in both incarceration and recidivism."

-ROGER JARJOURA

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THE NEED IS URGENT

Illinois has an incarceration rate of nearly **500** per **100,000** people. This is greater than the entire countries of France, Canada, Portugal, and the UK combined.

28,000 people exit the Illinois Department of Corrections every year with no place to go. The unemployment rate for returning residents is **27%**.

Studies show the most pressing issues recently incarcerated individuals face are **employment, housing instability, and education** - all focus areas of Saint Leonard's Ministries.

The Illinois **recidivism** rate is **43%** for men and **36%** for women.

91% of women and 77% of men remain free after completing the Saint Leonard's Program.

SAINT LEONARD'S MINISTRIES TODAY

Over our 69-year history, Saint Leonard's has evolved from a sanctuary for returning residents into a human service agency that provides comprehensive, evidence-based services to improve quality of life, stimulate economic opportunity, and decrease recidivism while reuniting families.

Today, we are proud to have over 350 new alumni each year after providing them with comprehensive, evidence-based services that improve their quality of life.

Saint Leonard's is proud that 43% of employees are Saint Leonard's alumni.



Transitional and permanent supportive housing

Education and employment services



Substance use supports provided by Healthcare Alternative Systems

Assistance connecting with community supportive services



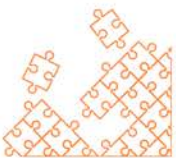
Peer mentoring services and life skills development

Physical healthcare provided by Rush College of Nursing



Optional and inclusive spiritual supports

Mental health counseling in partnership with Adler Community Health Services



Why Saint Leonard's Works!



Saint Leonard's program model is successful in addressing the needs of reentering residents.



Saint Leonard's values **alumni and peer-led programming**, with approximately 43% of Saint Leonard's staff being program alumni.



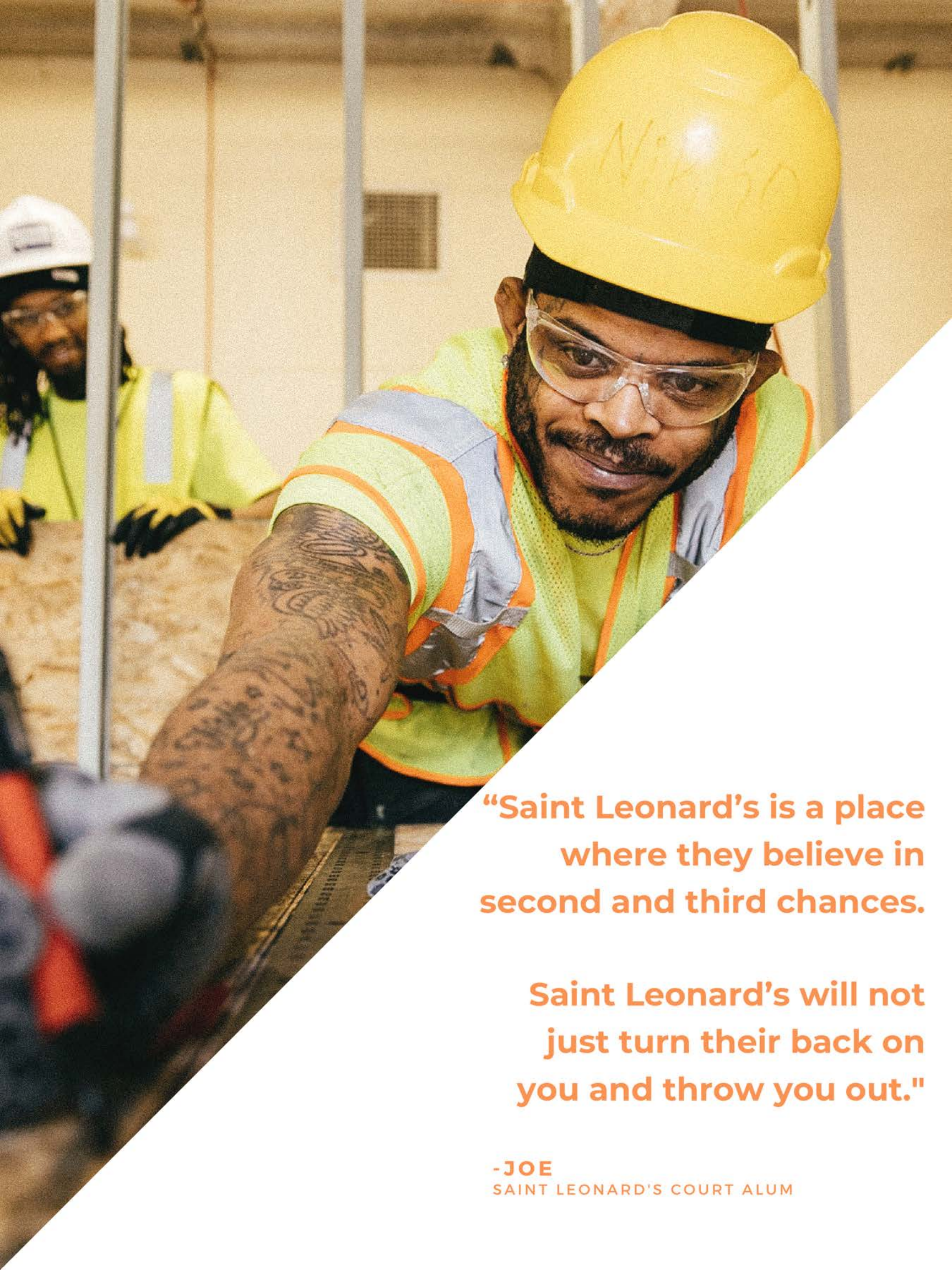
All Saint Leonard's residential and workforce development programs are offered at **no cost** to community members.



Saint Leonard's integrates with **expert partners**, co-located on campus, to provide holistic and sophisticated wellness care and support.

"It's a community of individuals."

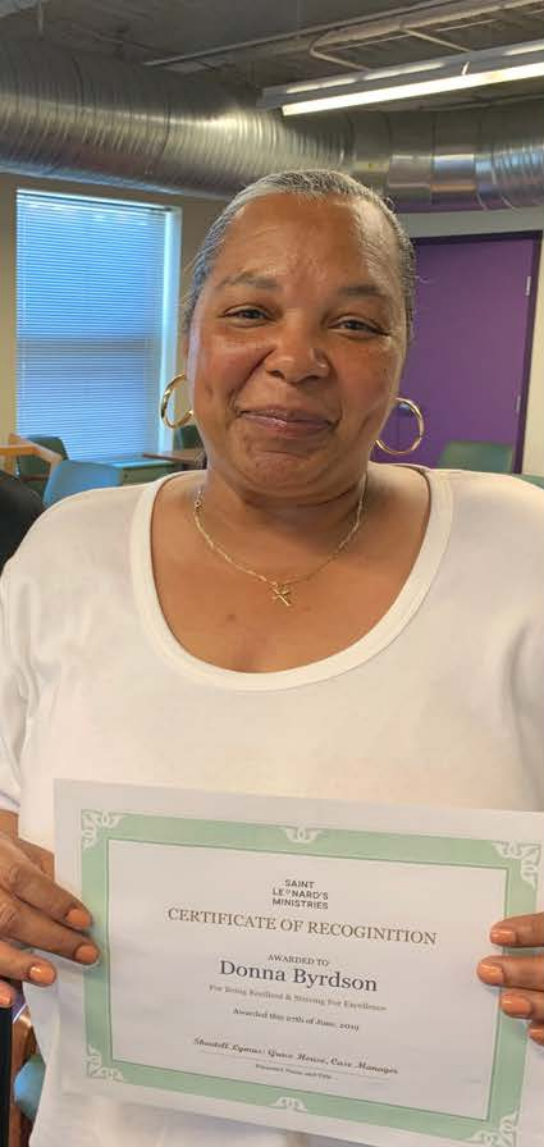
-LATRICE JOHNSON
GRACE HOUSE ALUMNA AND
CURRENT SAINT LEONARD'S STAFF



**“Saint Leonard’s is a place
where they believe in
second and third chances.**

**Saint Leonard’s will not
just turn their back on
you and throw you out.”**

-JOE
SAINT LEONARD'S COURT ALUM



AN AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKING

Saint Leonard's Ministries aims to be a consistent, responsive beacon of hope and support for formerly incarcerated individuals. However, our aging facilities and the limited programming resources curb our ability to grow and could even impede our ability to provide a stable environment for our participants in the future.

Over the next three years, in accordance with our strategic priorities, Saint Leonard's will increase our capacity to help transform lives by undertaking an ambitious capital and programmatic initiative; (1) renovating the Saint Leonard's Warren Campus and Grace House facilities; (2) enhancing our individualized workforce, education, and re-entry programs; and (3) strengthening the financial foundation for the future.

This campaign will equip Saint Leonard's with the urgent resources required to be responsive to a changing environment, bolster the proven impact of our services and programs, and support people as they transition back into their communities.

It's time to write Saint Leonard's next chapter together.

Grace House Today

The Grace House residential program provides transitional housing, emotional and spiritual support, and professional counseling to women returning from incarceration. Services are provided in a warm setting located on the Near West Side of Chicago. Residents are encouraged to set goals for the future and are taught how to make informed choices that will empower them to lead lives with dignity in their communities and their families.

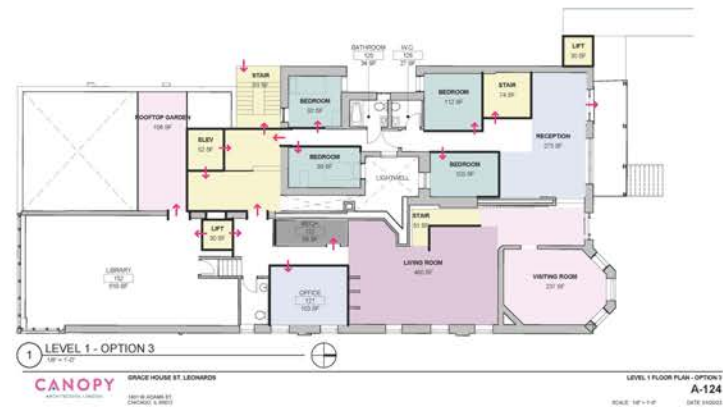
On-site amenities include a library, a computer lab and classroom, exercise equipment, a laundry room with free washers and dryers, a meeting room, and a dining room. Three meals a day are provided for the residents of Grace House.

Today, after 23 years and hundreds of residents, Grace House is a tired building offering little privacy, is too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter, and does not provide the comfort residents deserve.

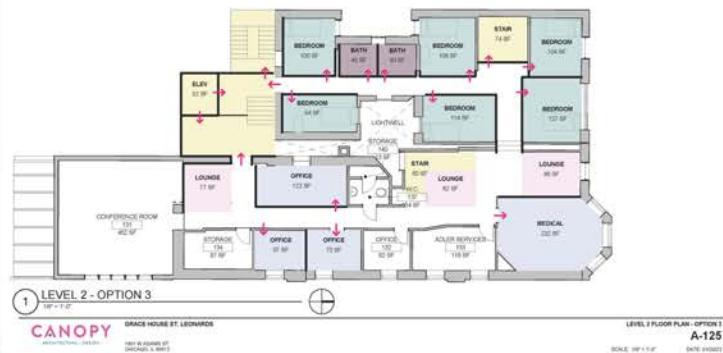


Grace House Tomorrow...

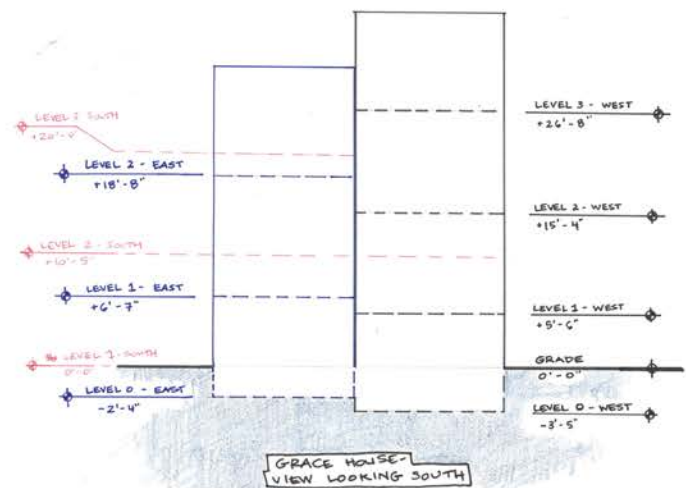
We will repair and renovate the Grace House spaces - improving privacy, increasing dignity, and creating additional opportunities for family visits.



First floor renovations



Second floor renovations



View of levels looking south

PRIVACY

Move to 16 single bedrooms, as opposed to 16 beds in shared rooms.

DIGNITY

More private bathrooms and addition of air conditioning.

ACCESSIBILITY

Elevator/lift support for ADA access and easier mobility.

SAFETY

Cameras, security systems, and privacy fencing.

EFFICIENCY

Energy efficient heating, ventilation, AC systems; make the facility Solar Ready.

COMMUNITY

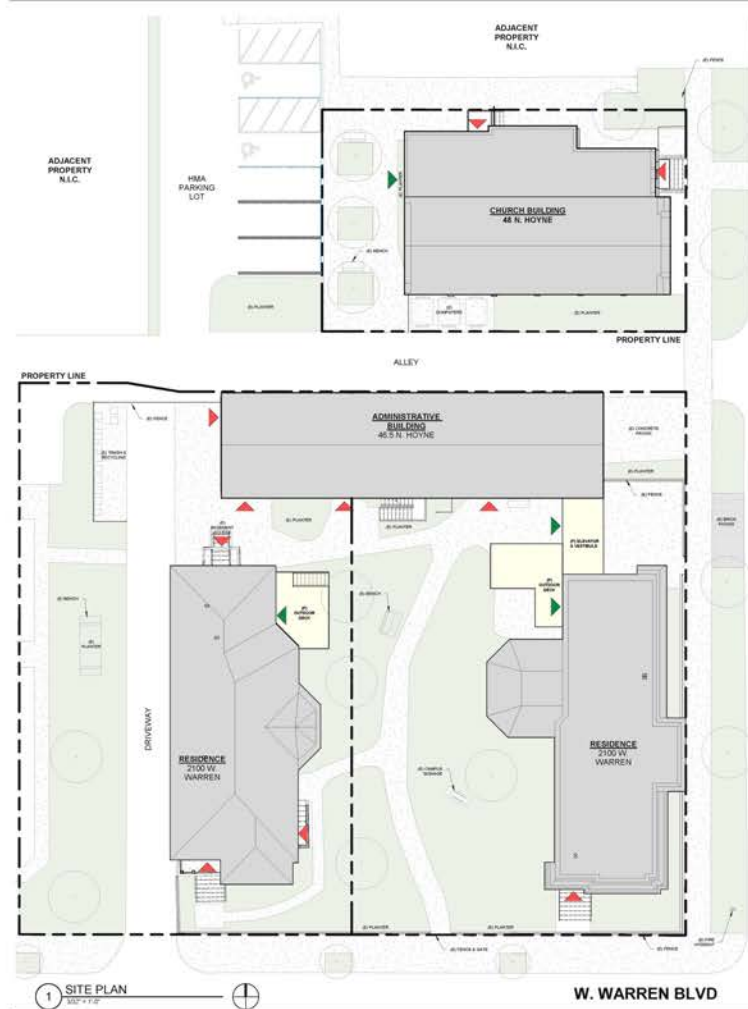
Updated dining space, living rooms, outdoor areas, and family-friendly spaces.

Saint Leonard's House Warren Campus Today

Saint Leonard's House provides transitional housing and supportive services for formerly incarcerated men returning to the community from Illinois prisons and jails. Program participants come to Saint Leonard's House to find a safe environment in which they can develop skills to rebuild their lives and reshape their futures.

The two buildings on Chicago's Near West Side house 40 residents. On-site amenities in the buildings include a library, a chapel, recreation rooms, a weight room, and a laundry room. Three meals a day are served to residents.

Today, after more than 30 and 69 years in the two buildings, Saint Leonard's House offers little privacy, is too hot in the summer, too cold in the winter, and does not provide the comfort residents deserve.



Saint Leonard's House Warren Campus Tomorrow...

We will repair and renovate the Saint Leonard's House Warren Campus - improving privacy, increasing dignity, and creating additional opportunities for family visits.

PRIVACY

Move to 37 single bedrooms, as opposed to 40 beds in shared rooms.

DIGNITY

More private bathrooms and addition of air conditioning.

ACCESSIBILITY

Elevator/lift support for ADA access in 51% of rooms.

SAFETY

Cameras, security systems, and privacy fencing.

EFFICIENCY

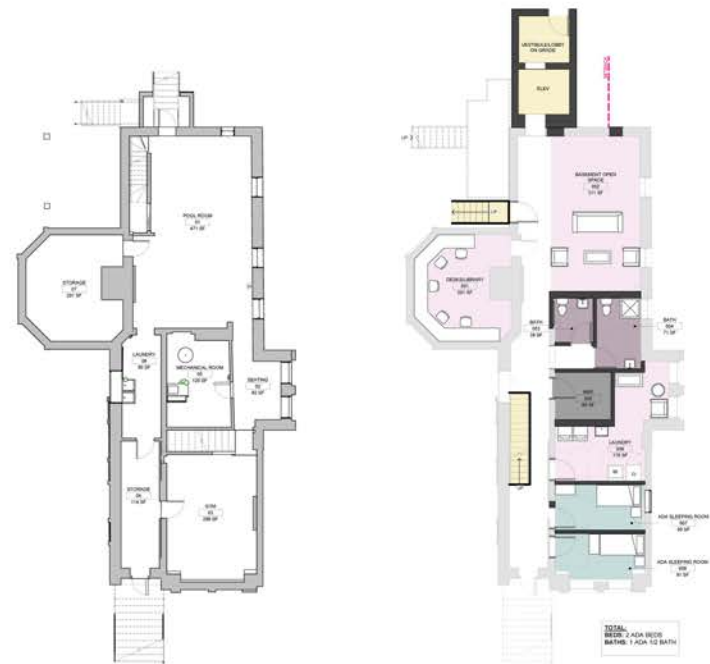
Energy efficient heating, ventilation, AC systems; make the facility Solar Ready.

COMMUNITY

Brand new expanded kitchen and dining hall, indoor and outdoor gathering areas, and family friend spaces.



Second floor renovations



First floor renovations



Basement renovations

Enhancing Holistic Supports

LOUIS RANDALL WELLNESS CENTER

Refreshed supportive service space for physical and behavioral health services, and a new fitness center.

ST. ANDREW'S SPIRITUAL AND COMMUNITY GATHERING CENTER

Updated supportive service space for spiritual activities, therapeutic arts and performances, special events, and home to the newly expanded community dining hall.



Michael Barlow Center Programming Today

Michael Barlow Center, open to anyone with a history with the carceral system, offers a unique array of essential educational programming, job readiness services, and individualized career counseling.

Our programs and services guide individuals through the necessary steps to improve their lives. Time spent at the Barlow Center often leads to employment, reconciliation with family, and renewed hope for the future.

Last year alone, The Barlow Center provided job **employment training** to **73** formerly incarcerated individuals, helped **22** participants obtain their **high school completion certificate**, and helped more than **52** participants secure **employment**.





Michael Barlow Center Programming Tomorrow...

We will respond to the growing needs of the Michael Barlow community by establishing new programs and enhancing existing programs.

HOLISTIC SUPPORTS FOR WORKFORCE PARTICIPANTS

Addition of case management, access to physical, mental, and behavioral health care, legal and housing referrals, to workforce participants.

EXPAND EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE OFFERINGS

Addition of new industry-specific, certificate programs, and skill-based training, beyond culinary and construction, at the Barlow Center.



One Saint Leonard's for Life

**We will invest in the people
- alumni and staff - who work
collaboratively to propel the
Saint Leonard's mission.**

AFTERCARE SUPPORT

This new 12-month program is for the transition period immediately following participants' time with Saint Leonard's. Research shows that more support after leaving a structured program results in better outcomes.

Aftercare Program will provide new alumni with a dedicated case manager and crisis fund for utilities, groceries, and other needs.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The alumni association provides Saint Leonard's alumni with networking opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and continued access to necessary reentry supports.

Our Financial Foundation

**We will strengthen our financial foundation
for a more sustainable future.**

Saint Leonard's Ministries does not charge for any services. As with many human service organizations, public funding sources often do not cover the full cost of quality programs, and economic volatility threatens our ability to thrive. To address this, we will increase our investments to ensure stability for Saint Leonard's participants and staff.

Currently, Saint Leonard's utilizes a sustainable 4% draw from its \$3 million in investments. Strengthening this fund will enhance our ability to be responsive to our rapidly changing environment.

Strong finances will allow us to invest in our growth, enhance programs based on participant needs, and provide adequate and respectable compensation to all employees.



An Invitation to You

We are stewards of a vision conceived by Father James Jones in 1954 and carried on by those who believed, as he did, that serious challenges impeded a path toward a stable, productive life for those returning from incarceration.

In order to continue evolving our holistic services and expanding our reach for the next seven decades and beyond, it is crucial that we address the state of our facilities, strengthen programs and services, and increase investments for our future now.

This ambitious campaign challenges Saint Leonard's and our community to unlock new potential and be responsive to the urgent needs of the individuals who need our help.

We are counting on the continued support of our community to reach our financial and project goals.

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