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Celebrating a New Beginning

The Women's Recovery Center is hosting our Ground Breaking Ceremony on Wednesday, August 31st beginning at 5:00 p.m. located at 6209 Storer Avenue in Cleveland. Following construction, the Center will double our capacity to provide outpatient alcohol and other drug treatment services for women and their families.

The Capital Campaign was publicly announced in May 2015 under the leadership of David and Lisa O'Brien. The Capital Campaign Taskforce was assembled and has raised over \$790,000. "When Lisa and I toured the Center, having met staff members and clients, we knew that we wanted to support this vision," said David O'Brien. Donors have supported the vision and a series of special events have increased the awareness and the needs for additional alcohol and drug treatment services for women and families.

As the Women's Recovery Center is celebrating our Ground Breaking Ceremony to reconfigure our facility, the Center will double our capacity to provide outpatient alcohol and drug treatment services for women and their families. The building's exterior will be renovated offer natural light stream through the building and the ivy

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trellis over the building creates a sense of rebirth and growth. The design was created by Robert Maschke, Robert Maschke Architects, Inc. In 2013, the design was awarded the Unbuilt Design of the Year by the American Institute of Architects.

The need for increased addiction treatment services is evidenced nearly every day in the news with the announcement of accelerating numbers of accidental overdoses and even more complicated with the introduction of synthetic opioids including fentanyl and carfentanil. With this reconfiguration, the waiting list will decrease from as much as four weeks to 48 hours thus introducing an innovative concept of *Treatment on Demand*.

“Waiting lists can be deadly for opioid dependent women. In increasing our capacity from providing care for approximately 275 women to 500 women and their families, the impact is lifesaving,” said Mary Jane Chichester, Executive Director. The Center offers individualized and gender specific treatment in a trauma informed environment, the result is that nearly 56% of the clients are successfully graduating from the program. The national average is 34%. “Working in a treatment environment, we are fortunate that although we witness this public health crisis from ground zero, we also witness the recovery and re-unification of families. It is fulfilling,” said Chichester.

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