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## **Open Door Mission Receives Over \$6 Million in HHAP Funds to Build 24 Permanent Supportive Apartments in the City of Rochester** *Construction will begin in Spring of 2021*

This week, Open Door Mission was notified that they will be receiving \$6,084,520 in HHAP funds to build 24 permanent supportive apartments in the City of Rochester. The proposed apartments will be located at 226-234 West Main Street in the City of Rochester in an existing, vacant property known as the Miller Building. The Miller Building is currently owned by the Open Door Mission and is neighboring to the Open Door Mission's Samaritan House emergency shelter.

"We are excited for this long awaited chapter at Open Door Mission to convert our Miller Building into housing units" said Anna Valeria-Iseman, Executive Director of the Open Door Mission, "The Open Door Mission is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty, homelessness and addiction and the successful construction of these housing units will establish a strong path to recovery, financial independence and lasting restoration for the people we serve."

The Miller Building will undergo a substantial rehabilitation to become 24 permanent supportive apartments. The property will offer 13 studio apartments and 11 one bedroom apartments. Open Door Mission will provide on-site support services for residents including: case management, job readiness training, financial management skill training, and job search assistance.

The Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) provides capital grants and loans to not-for-profit corporations, charitable and religious organizations, municipalities and public corporations to acquire, construct or rehabilitate housing for the homeless. The Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation (HHAC) oversees the program and is a subsidiary of the New York State Housing Finance Agency (HFA), and is administered by staff of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). The Open Door Mission's application was approved at HHAC's meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Open Door Mission is a Christian based rescue organization that has been addressing the needs of homelessness, emergency food and addiction recovery in the Rochester community since 1952. ODM provides shelter, food, guidance and a path forward to men and women when they are at their most vulnerable. The Open Door Mission currently operates three facilities – the Samaritan House Crisis Center, the Caring and Donation Center on Plymouth Avenue and the Coldwater Women and Children's Home in the Town of Gates.

The project is shovel ready and construction will begin in Spring of 2021. The project has a 12 month construction period and could be ready for occupancy by Spring of 2022.

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