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Open Door Mission Breaks Ground on Building Renovation to Create 24 Permanent Supportive Apartments in the City of Rochester

*Project will be funded with \$6 million from New York State's
Homeless Housing and Assistance Program*

Open Door Mission broke ground today on what will be 24 permanent supportive apartments for homeless, single adults. The new 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, formerly Archie's Department Store, is currently owned by the Open Door Mission and is neighboring to their Samaritan House emergency shelter. Open Door Mission received \$6,084,520 in Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) funds to complete this project.

"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 for funding was approved at HHAC's meeting on February 3, 2021.

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. They provide shelter, food, guidance and a path forward to men and women when they are at their most

vulnerable. 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 has a 12 month construction period and should be ready for occupancy by Fall of 2022.

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