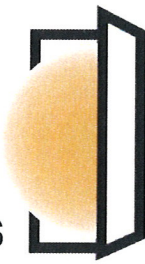


# Greater Cincinnati Coalition For The Homeless



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First Lutheran Church

First Step Home

Franciscans for the Poor

Franciscan JPIC

Franciscan Haircuts from the Heart

Grace Place Catholic Worker House

Hamilton County Community Development

Hamilton County TB Control

Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Joseph House

Justice Watch

League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area

Lighthouse Youth Services

Madisonville Education and Assistance Center

Mary Magdalen House

Our Daily Bread

Over-the-Rhine & Walnut Hills Kitchen & Pantry

Over-the-Rhine Community Housing

Peaslee Neighborhood Center

Prospect House

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

St. Francis/St. Joseph Catholic Worker House

St. Xavier Church

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Tender Mercies, Inc.

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Anna Louise Inn has been providing quality affordable housing to Cincinnati women for 102 years. This is no small feat. As the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless, we have approximately fifty member-organizations all working in the realm of homelessness. We have single shelters, family shelters, soup kitchens, food pantries, employment services, churches, mental health services, physical health services and affordable housing. We know that in the United States of America and within Cincinnati and Hamilton County, the primary cause of homelessness is a lack of affordable housing. In the last thirty years this area has lost thousands of units of affordable housing, causing drastic increases in homelessness.

As responsibility would dictate, Cincinnati Union Bethel is looking ahead for the Anna Louise Inn. They know that in order to end homelessness we must not only create new affordable housing; but also keep and maintain the affordable housing that we currently have. We cannot repeat the mistakes of the past. For this reason, Cincinnati Union Bethel is working to renovate the Anna Louise Inn in order to make it an affordable and sustainable place for the women of Cincinnati. We are thankful that they are planning for the future of our city and county.

Our Coalition is the place where those receiving assistance from area organizations such as the Anna Louise Inn register complaints. Contrary to complaints, we often hear people praising the Anna Louise Inn and Cincinnati Union Bethel. We hear from those who live there now or have lived there in the past that the Anna Louise Inn is a peaceful, caring place- a place that helps keep one whole.

Women tell us that they feel safe and secure at the Anna Louise Inn- often after having not felt safe and secure in almost any other place. They tell us that the Anna Louise Inn has provided them a place to again work for their goals and get life back in order. We hear that the grounds around the Inn serve as a respite and that the neighborhood is welcoming. We hear stories of people getting along and making new friends. We hear stories that require us to understand

that Cincinnati Union Bethel and the Anna Louise Inn is a good neighbor to those immediately surrounding them as well as to our whole city and county community.

As a Coalition of fifty strong and important area organizations working everyday to fight homelessness, we fully support and stand beside Cincinnati Union Bethel and the Anna Louise Inn. Most importantly we support the women who have found their step up at the Anna Louise Inn and the women of the future that will need this step up to sustainable life. We strongly believe that people of all economic abilities can live together in harmony- we believe that for decades the Anna Louise Inn has proven this. We stand against the claim that people with less economic means must be moved about so that those with more means will feel comfortable. We believe that inclusion is protected by the law and reaps life and exclusion reaps moral and legal conflict leading to destruction. We urge that this lawsuit be dismissed, so that this most-valuable project can move forward. We cannot afford to have this suit linger and prevent the continuation of this renovation and the sustainability of the Anna Louise Inn.

Please feel more than free to contact me at 513-716-7455 or [joshspring@cincihomeless.org](mailto:joshspring@cincihomeless.org)

Sincerely,



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