

# Friends of Anna Louise Inn



## *Filling a Need in Cincinnati*

The Anna Louise Inn, located near Lytle Park in downtown Cincinnati, has been providing safe and affordable housing for women since 1909. Named after Anna Louise Taft, whose parents helped fund the building and donated the land, the Inn has always been a safe harbor, offering a community of women a sense of home. Often our residents have nowhere else to go and we provide the stability they need to maintain their independence.

In July 2010, Cincinnati Union Bethel was awarded tax credits from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to renovate and upgrade the housing at the Anna Louise Inn. This will allow the mission of the Inn to continue for another 100 years, but in an improved building. The current single-room occupancy, dormitory-style rooms will be remodeled into efficiencies, each with their own kitchenette and bathroom. The exterior of the Inn will remain the same. The renovation will allow Cincinnati Union Bethel to continue to meet this critical housing need in our community while significantly improving the services that are provided to the women.

Unfortunately, our neighbors, Western & Southern, do not share this vision for Lytle Park, and they have filed a lawsuit to stop our renovation. We believe our women have a right to stay where they are.

## *What You Can Do to Help*

- Share our story. Talk at parties, tell your neighbors, post on your Facebook page, Twitter feed, and LinkedIn page. Make it clear that this isn't about money or the "right offer." This is about serving our women, in a neighborhood and location that fits their needs. The lawsuit is not over. We return to court in December, and that is currently holding up the renovation.
- Encourage people to visit [www.cinunionbethel.org](http://www.cinunionbethel.org) where they will get updated information and opportunities to donate.
- Sign the Statement of Support (on our website).
- 'Like' Cincinnati Union Bethel on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @cinunionbethel and encourage your friends to do the same.
- Donate.
- Host a shower to collect items to furnish the new rooms at the Inn, which will have kitchenettes and bathrooms for the first time for each resident. We are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond (registry ID# 12281386) and Target (registry ID# 012144700000151).