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Men's recovery house will open in the fall in Medina

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MEDINA — A five-bedroom men's recovery house will open in the fall in Medina, said Jon Robinson, executive director of Cathy's House.

There won't be any ribbon cuttings and the event will have little fanfare "out of respect to the neighbors," he said.

It will house five men who will have "graduated" from Cathy's House, a Level 2 recovery program in Medina. The house, which is being renovated, will be a Level 1 program. The men

will be monitored and checked on a regular basis, but mostly will be living on their own.

Robinson didn't want to say where the house is located, other than it's "in the city." He did say it was in walking distance of Cathy's House, on West Liberty Street in Medina.

"We're shooting for the fall (to open)," he said. "It's an older house. The house needs a lot of repairs. We'll have nice landscaping. We want to do things right and make things right."

Robinson said the house will be a "huge deal in the recovery community."

The men will have six to nine months at Cathy's House under their belts and can "transition into the new house," he said.

Cathy's House is a Level 2 program, where there is supervision, drug testing, programming, and rules and regulations. The new women's Recovery Discovery House on Northland Drive that is close to opening is a Level 3 program, where there are counselors on hand 24/7.

Cathy's House still has a waiting list for residents.

"A lot of individuals have to go to Cleveland and Akron to find afford-

able housing," Robinson said. "Our house will be affordable while still providing support."

The men in the new house will be working full time and will have to pay rent and sign a lease, much like Cathy's House. It does not yet have a name. The men will be ready for "real-world situations," Robinson said.

Since word of the new house has spread, some of the residents at Cathy's House have been excited about moving into the new location, also operated by Cathy's House.

Robinson said the house was purchased recently with the \$269,500

raised from several agencies in Medina County. The renovation budget is about \$80,000.

The largest contributor to the project is the Heartland Community Church, which donated \$129,795. The Medina County ADAMH Board provided \$74,764 while Cathy's House kicked in \$39,941 and Hope Recovery Community provided \$25,000.

"We paid cash for the house," Robinson said.

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