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HOPE RECOVERY COMMUNITY

Expansion close to completion

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MEDINA — Hope Recovery Community is close to opening its newly expanded space, adding over 2,500 square feet its current space to help keep up with the ever-growing organization.

The expansion to the building, located at 200 Highland Drive, will help create more space for the large number of people coming to attend meetings and different programming.

"We continue to grow and expand our services and expand our programming, which is great," said Hope Recovery Community Executive Director Stefanie Robinson. "This gives us room to really grow."

The space is owned by

the ADAMH Board and with the support of board members, construction was supported by a capital grant received from the state of Ohio.

According to Robinson, a large meeting room will be added upstairs, along with two bathrooms and some storage in the basement.

"You open the door to where you used to go to our front porch and that goes straight into the addition," she said.

Robinson said that most of the time, the current space is great and doesn't get too crowded but during the evenings and weekends, the space can fill up quickly with the number of people attending the different programs.

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Currently, the largest space at Hope Recovery Community is the garage. Once the new space opens, it will be twice the size of the garage.

According to Robinson, everything done within Hope Recovery Community comes through a trauma-informed lens whether that be conscious of the colors that are chosen for the walls, the decorations put up or the setting for different meetings.

"We want this to be the most welcoming, trauma-informed space for people that might struggle with these different things. We want to make sure we're making this accessible to everyone."

Hope Recovery Community Executive Director Stefanie Robinson

"While we don't assume that every person that walks into HRC has trauma or every person that struggles with substance abuse disorder has trauma, it is common in our space that people have trauma as part of their background," Robinson said.

Robinson is looking forward to the new space as it allows for a range of flexibility.

In the large meeting room, a divider was put into the middle, which would allow smaller groups to create their own small space.

With the divider, the large

room can not only provide more space for people to gather in large groups but the divider can be used to make the space smaller and more comfortable for a group of five as opposed to 50.

"We want this to be the most welcoming, trauma-informed space for people that might struggle with these different things," Robinson said. "We want to make sure we're making this accessible to everyone."

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