

52 High Street Renovation Update

Moving Forward, One Step At A Time

The renovation of this 56 single bedroom unit home has certainly picked up pace as the cold weather has arrived! On the exterior of the building, the new, accessible entryway has been framed and concrete for the wheelchair ramp has been poured. Masonry work continues as the original cast stone, located on the High Street side of the building, is being repaired or replaced to keep the historic charm of this home alive!

In the Annette Rafferty Women's Empowerment Center, new kitchen appliances have been installed, including a new walk-in cooler and hood for the stove. The addition of these appliances will greatly aid in the storage and preparation of meals for the women and children of Abby's House, who receive a warm, nutritious meal twice a week through the women's center and access to the food pantry twice a month.

The new elevator, which will aid in the accessibility needs of the women, has been established in its permanent location and is now being built up from the inside. Elevator lobbies have also been created on each floor. Once completed, the elevator will run from the fourth floor down to the basement, where the newly renovated Abby's House Thrift Shop will be housed.

On the second and third floors of the annex, the bedrooms and hallways have been painted and the woodwork around the windows and doorways have been restained. It is amazing to see what a fresh, clean coat of paint can do to truly transform a space! The attention to detail and care that the close to 50 men and women who are working on this project show daily




Close to 50 workers arrive at 52 High Street each day to help make this century old building a safe and reliable home for women.



is remarkable and reminds us of the power of coming together to create something wonderful, one step at a time!

What was once just a dream is coming to reality as this renovation moves closer to the finish line! Although some days are noisier than others, the women who are living through this project remain in high spirits and enjoy watching the progress being made on their home.



Abby's House

5K Run/Walk

Through your support, you helped raise \$31,000 (net) for women and children in our community.

Please join us for next year's race on Saturday, October 19, 2019!



Special thanks to the Abby's House 5K Run/Walk Committee:

Patti McKone (Committee Chair), Isa Bayon, Ashley Brandin, Mary Chenaille, Pam Hanson, Pam Guild & Tina Potenti LaCroix

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