

Funding Received For New Housing Program

Friends For Life will expand the Aloysius Home Housing Services division through the construction of a new housing facility, Aloysius New Beginnings. The facility is planned to be built on the empty lot adjacent to the former Aloysius Home building. The 10-unit single room occupancy facility will provide permanent supportive housing to 10 chronically homeless adults living with HIV/AIDS and co-occurring disorders.

The \$1.2 million construction costs are being raised through grants submitted to federal, state and local funding entities. Friends For Life has already received notification of \$1,129,300 in grant awards: \$310,300 from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency for construction, \$434,000 from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for construction and operating costs for the first two years of the project and \$185,000 from the local Plough Foundation for construction costs. An additional \$200,000 for construction costs have also been committed by the City of Memphis once all other submitted grants are funded.

Friends For Life projects that construction will begin this fall with the program accepting its first residents in November 2010.