

Franciscan Ministries | Executive Director's Report | 4th Quarter 2021

Tamar's Location Search ENDS! We have a new home!

Search for suitable locations for Tamar's Center has been a multiyear process, first looking unsuccessfully for rentals in the OTR and the West End area and then for purchase. We were challenged by the increased cost of buildings during the unprecedented real estate market, gentrification, zoning issues, and rising crime. Meanwhile, the conditions at Philippus Church continued to decline. In December, the church building changed hands again and we learned we must vacate in the New Year.

After the committee rejected the Republic Street building as an option, we made the decision that we had exhausted our possibilities in downtown. Price Hill has always been on the back burner as an option and we decided to restart our search there. We quickly found a great building at 2142 Hatmaker Street and moved forward to purchase. The Congregation wanted to buy the building and with fast work on the part of many, Sr. Marilyn was able to sign the paperwork and take possession on Monday, December 20, 2021. Three cheers for all who helped make this possible! Staff are thrilled and 2022 will mark a new phase for Tamar's.

Staff Changes

After expressing concern over a proposed location for Tamar's on Republic Street, longtime director Estelle McNair resigned her position in November. We have all wished Estelle well as she moves forward. In the meantime, Pamela Carroll-Dean assumed the Director responsibilities on January 10, 2022.

The site was ultimately not selected due to staff concerns about safety and conditional zoning issues.

Grace Marie Eckman is the new Development Coordinator and began her employment on January 10, 2022.

Program Updates

Haircuts remains on hiatus until 4/1/2022 pending the establishment of Tamar's and the securement of a new stylist.

Tamar's Center has provided clients information about our new location and many have expressed excitement about the area and a desire to continue to receive services in Lower Price Hill. There appears to be little concern that the move is a hardship for our current clients. The staff have already "walked the neighborhood" to meet neighbors and partners.

Tau House- no update.

Community Garden- no update.

Executive Director Onboarding

Sarah quickly became involved at FM. On her first day of work was handed a pair of boots and invited on a site visit to the building on Republic Street. Throughout the six weeks of overlap Sarah and I had a chance to go over Board operations, banking, development, interface with SFP, finance and much more. She began work on hiring a new development and

Elaine Ward 12/21/21, Sarah Wagner 1/7/2022

communications coordinator and also a new director for Tamar's Center. Together we met with Jason to begin plans for the year ahead.

Centennial Barn and Outsourcing Status

Funky's Catering and FM are still in process of transitioning the management of the Barn. The operating agreement is still in negotiation but should be complete in January. Meanwhile we continue to operate under the signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Don and I will continue on this process into January for the sake continuity.