



Tamar's Center Program Seeking New Location

Who We Are

Established in 2010, Tamar's Center is a program of Franciscan Ministries. It is a day center and entry point to intervention for women who are on the streets, trafficked for sex, or are victims of addiction. Tamar's is currently located at 106 W. McMicken in Philippus United Church of Christ. We have three fulltime staff and seven volunteers.

Services Offered (*hours can be adjusted depending on location*)

- **Day Center** - We address the women's most basic needs in a "women-only location". We offer a safe place to rest, meals, clean clothing, a shower, and assessment of urgent needs. The day center is open 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday. We see from 10-20 individual clients each day.
- **Advocacy** - From 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, staff help clients identify and act on short term goals. Much of this activity is conducted off-site. Services include securing an ID, accessing health coverage, finding housing, gaining entrance to detox programs, obtaining medical care, and more.

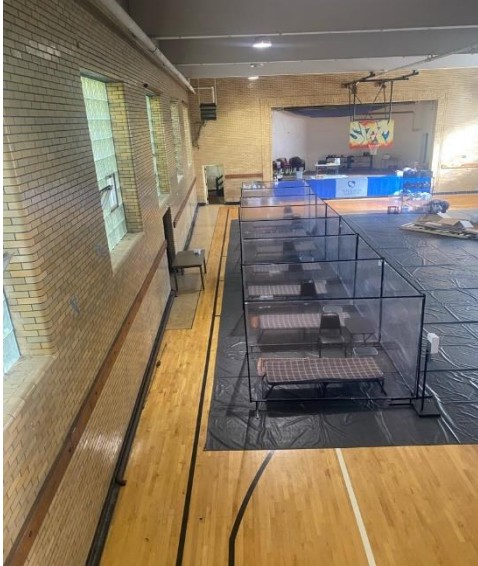
Our Current Location

During the pandemic, we have moved the program to the Philippus Church gym. The gym is an ideal space for Tamar's Center because it offers over 2,500 sq. ft. of space and a 30-foot ceiling.

Our Location Needs

When considering potential locations, we recognize that due to COVID our program must adapt accordingly. Having approximately 2,500 sq. ft. of space, allows enclosed client napping/eating areas and social distancing among clients and staff. Also, it is an advantage to have high ceilings that allow more air flow.

- **Size** - depending on design of the space, we need at least 2,500 square feet and, ideally, a space where Tamar's Center is the only occupant or has a separate entrance.
- **Location** – Historically, Tamar's Center has served clients in Over-the-Rhine and the West End but the acceleration of gentrification has made it difficult to find an appropriate location for our program.
- **Facilities** – While we are flexible, any space must be evaluated in the context of COVID. We must have enough space to socially distance and have sufficient air flow. Specifics include:



- Space for sleeping/eating areas for clients
- Office area for 3 staff (can share)
- Ability to install a washer and dryer
- Client restroom with adequate ventilation
- Staff restroom with adequate ventilation
- Shower with adequate ventilation
- Kitchen area
- Ability to install a security system and cameras
- A large, separate storage area
- First floor preferred, however, if the building has multiple floors it must have an elevator.
- ADA compliant
- Access to parking for staff and volunteers

About Franciscan Ministries, Inc.

Founded by the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, we are a non-profit organization that addresses the unmet needs of people who are underserved, vulnerable, and overlooked. We are a presence of healing, respecting the dignity of each person through a personal approach and diverse services.

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