

Franciscan Ministries | Executive Director's Report | 1st Quarter 2022

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.

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.

The renovations and improvements at Tamar's Center have been completed and we are open for business as of March 28, 2022. The house is beautifully appointed and will welcome our guest with warmth, dignity and respect. Tamar's new Director, Pamela Carrol-Dean and the staff have worked hard to prepare the space as well as update policies and procedures as we improve the operations of Tamar's Center. We had a resignation of the service coordinator and a search for a replacement has begun.

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.

Grant Updates:

We were awarded \$45,000 from the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, which will be utilized to enhance all four programs in various ways. Haircuts will receive some of the funds to offset the stylist costs. The Garden will receive some of the funds to replace outdated tools and repair some of the fences around the plots. Tau House will receive some of the funds to improve the esthetics of the property as well replenish supplies. Tamar's will receive some of the funds to assist with staff costs.

We applied for a \$71,000 grant from United Way to add a position to Tamar's Center. The Peer Support Specialist is The idea is to hire someone with lived experience who acts as an ancillary support to the case manager. The PSS becomes a "peer" to the client as they understand the client's struggles, challenges, and recovery journey. They may take on some of the tasks such as transportation to free up the case manager to do more of the trauma informed therapeutic

interventions. We are awaiting word from The Wohlgemuth Herschede Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 to demolish and reconstruct the garage at Tamar's Center.