



Cleveland Scholar House

Service Enriched Housing for Parents Who Are College Students



The Scholar House model is a two-generation approach designed to interrupt the cycle of poverty for parents and their children, ultimately to change the trajectory of their lives.

CHN, United Way of Greater Cleveland and partners – Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®), Cleveland State University (CSU), Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) and Step Forward (formerly CEOGC)—are bringing Scholar House to Cleveland. The model will provide affordable housing and wrap-around services for adult college students and their children to support educational success.

Scholar House will be located at 2551 Community College Avenue near CSU and Tri-C®, and will offer:

- **Stable Housing** – CHN will develop the building on 1.7 acres of land. Amenities will include daycare, study space, a computer lab, common space for family education and activities, and child play space.
- **Rental Support** – CMHA will provide 40 project-based vouchers and also will lease the land for the building.
- **Quality Childcare** – Step Forward will provide daycare at William Patrick Day Early Learning Center, a five-star rated program located next door to Scholar House.
- **Academic Support** – CSU and Tri-C® will provide life skills, academic counseling, and cohort support for first-generation college students.
- **Resident Services** – CHN and others will provide financial and other counseling, access to benefits and other services.

The project will be funded mainly through the use of Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. Other funding sources include the City of Cleveland, Enterprise Community Investment, Inc., The William J. and Dorothy K. O’Neill Foundation, RMS US Foundation, and Citizens Bank.

Service Providers & Partners
CHN Housing Partners
United Way of Greater Cleveland
Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
Step Forward
Cleveland State University
Cuyahoga Community College

Year Completed
2023 (anticipated)

Project Location
Cleveland, Ohio

of Units
33 two-bedrooms
7 three-bedroom

Developer, Owner, Property Manager
CHN Housing Partners

Funders
Ohio Housing Finance Agency
City of Cleveland
Enterprise Community Investment, Inc.
The William J. and Dorothy K. O’Neill Foundation
RSM US Foundation
Citizens Bank

Architect
Hiti, Difrancesco + Siebold

Contractor
Regency Construction Services, Inc.

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