

The Dream by the numbers

by the Dream Team

Just three months ago, we completed our Dream Fundraising Campaign. Since ending the campaign, we determined that our funding year would run from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. While this is different from the general fund budget cycle of the church, it does coincide with the budget years of several of our partners. For this funding year, we will be working with the YWCA, Habitat for Humanity, Building Blocks, and Open Doors. We have committed to the following projects for 2019-20:

- ▶ YWCA -one transitional house for their Domestic Assault Shelter
- ▶ Habitat – One house at 1612 Charles Street in the Eastside Neighborhood
- ▶ Habitat – Funding for critical home repairs to keep individuals in their homes for the next three years
- ▶ Building Blocks – Supporting existing block action groups in the Northside and Eastside Neighborhoods, the development of a new block action group and a part-time staff position.
- ▶ Open Doors – One duplex housing unit

During worship on Sunday, September 22, the Dream Team presented a slide that showed an update on the campaign. The current amount pledged to the Dream Team campaign is \$802,437. As of the writing of this article, the church has received a total of \$151,166 in donations. Below you will find the list of projects for this year, their anticipated cost, and the amount of funds already allocated to them.

PROJECT PARTNER	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDS DIRECTLY RECEIVED BY FUMC AND ALLOCATED	FUNDS COMMITTED/GIVEN BY OTHERS	REMAINING FUNDS NEEDED TO COMPLETE BY JUNE 30, 2020
YWCA Transition	\$101,000		\$50,000	\$ 51,000
Habitat House on	\$ 90,000	\$35,000	\$20,000	\$ 35,000
Habitat - Critical Home Repairs	\$ 25,000			\$ 25,000
Building Blocks	\$ 26,000	\$10,080		\$ 15,800
Open Doors - One	\$150,000			\$150,000
TOTAL cost of all projects 2019-20	\$392,600			

To date a total of \$221,166 has been directly received by First UMC or committed to our partners by others. An additional \$171,434 is needed by June 30, 2020 to fully fund all of the above projects.

As you can see, with your generous support we are off to a very good start and will be having a busy first year. In the coming year we will let you know what prayer needs and volunteer opportunities have been brought to our attention by our project partners. There will also be opportunities to learn more about specific projects. If you have any questions concerning any of the above information, please contact the Dream Team via our email address at the church: dreamteam@umc-kzo.org. Again, thank you for your support in providing additional affordable housing in Kalamazoo.

