

## **Anawim Shelter for Women Project**

Work is steadily progressing on the interior and exterior renovations for the Anawim Women's Shelter (a 501 ( c ) 3 Not For Profit) located in the Humboldt Park area in Chicago, IL, thanks to the ongoing support from the Polish-American community and other generous individuals and businesses here in Illinois and beyond.

Most of the labor, including the architect, general contractor, tradesmen, and other workers have pledged their services pro bono. In addition, residents of the Anawim Men's Shelter located on the grounds of Holy Trinity Mission Church, also in Chicago, are providing their labor, in appreciation for the assistance and shelter that they have been given, in their time of need.

Currently, the plumbing is being put into place so that the cement can be poured for the lower level floor, after which all electrical and HVAC work will be completed. Beams are being put into place on all three levels, after which insulation and dry wall will be installed. New windows that were purchased at a greatly reduced price, due to a generous donation are being delivered in the coming weeks. While there is still much work ahead, the progress being made on a weekly basis brings this much-needed project closer to becoming a reality. Completion is anticipated by mid-2016.

Part of the criteria for being considered a resident of the shelter is that the women must be actively participating in a substance-abuse program, or have successfully completed a program, but now need help and/or a safe place to stay while they get back on their feet. As with the men's shelter, those who are able to hold down either part-time or full-time work must contribute something back to Anawim. Those who are not able to work are assigned duties within the shelter, including rotations of cooking, cleaning, and other duties. Everyone is expected to give back in some way for the help they receive.

The PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation is again proud to offer our support to the Anawim Women's Shelter project this holiday season, but we need your help. Earlier this year, through the generous donations made to the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation – Anawim Project, we presented Teresa Mirabella, President of the Anawim with a check in the amount of \$ 5000. This Christmas season, we would like to surpass that amount.

We ask for your generosity to assist those less fortunate within Polonia. Donations to the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation (a 501 ( c ) 3 Not For Profit) are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you are able to participate in this fundraiser, please complete the form below and return with your check. Thank You and God Bless You!

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### **ANAWIM SHELTER PROJECT DONATION FORM**

#### **Polish Women's Alliance of America Charitable & Educational Foundation**

Enclosed please find my donation to the Anawim Shelter Project for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to: PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation  
Mail to: PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 1196, Park Ridge, IL 60068

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