

**Let's all join to help those in need this Christmas season!**



## **UPDATE ON THE ANAWIM WOMEN'S SHELTER PROJECT**



Renovations of the building that will be the future home of the Anawim Women's Shelter are progressing nicely. The building is located on Division Street in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago. Most of the fixtures, including plumbing, electrical, and HVAC have been installed, and drywall is up, with flooring to begin in November. A new roof had to be installed last year, due to unforeseen weather damage. New windows for the entire building were generously donated. Much of the labor is being provided either gratis or at greatly reduced rates by skilled contractors from the Polish-American community and beyond, with the assistance of those residents of the Anawim Men's Shelter who are physically able to help. Because this project relies on donations from individuals and organizations and not government grants, progress in making it a habitable future home for those in transition, who have gone through either alcohol or substance abuse programs, cannot move as quickly as conventionally funded projects. Financial support has come in from across the nation, as far away as California, from individuals who heard about the project from friends and family here in Chicago.

As with the men's shelter, the women's shelter will serve mainly Polish-born individuals with very limited options and limited use of the English language, who are seeking assistance at a critical time in their lives. The estimated timeframe for completion is Winter 2018-2019, when the doors will be opened to welcome up to ten women as the first of many guests to come. Teresa Mirabella is the President of the Anawim and her background as a psychiatric nurse, coupled with her deep faith in God, boundless energy, and compassion have served to turn around the lives of hundreds of men. Now, with the establishment of the women's shelter, many more lives will be touched, by providing a safe, nurturing, and spiritual atmosphere as the foundation for recovery and the reemergence of residents as productive members of society.

During this season of giving, please consider making a donation to this worthwhile project. Every dollar collected goes directly to serving those less fortunate. Please use the form below or simply drop your donation into the collection jar at your Christmas party.

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

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

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Please make check payable to "The Anawim." In memo line please write "Women's Project."

Mail to: The Anawim, Attn: Teresa Mirabella, 1125 N. Cleaver Street, Chicago, IL 60642

