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Bay View Support for the Tiny Homes Community in Detroit

BAY VIEW, Mich.—Individuals within the Bay View Association raised \$57,000 during the 2018 summer season for Cass Community Social Services, a nonprofit founded by Rev. Faith Fowler. The funds go toward the construction of a tiny home within an impoverished area of Detroit.

“Over the more than 40 years we have lived in Bay View, I have been impressed with the numerous ways members of the community support worthy non-profits” says Robert Holmes, who spearheaded fundraising efforts within Bay View with Bob Docking and Tom Smith. “This generosity was much in evidence this past summer when so many members responded with donations after hearing Rev. Fowler preach and lecture about her work with Cass Community Social Services.”

The mission of Fowler’s nonprofit is to fight poverty, create opportunity, and build community in Detroit. As part of its mission, Cass Community Social Services is building a community of tiny homes and rents the houses to low income individuals in Detroit, many of whom have been homeless in the past. A tiny home of approximately 300 square feet is rented for \$1 per square foot a month. After seven years of renting a tiny home, the person gets a title to the home, the first asset many have ever had.

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“On behalf of thousands of clients served, we are deeply grateful to individuals in the Bay View community for your support of Cass Community Social Services” says Rev. Fowler.

“Together we can make an impact on generational poverty and provide opportunities for individuals to become financially independent.”

In the first phase of the project, 25 tiny homes designed for one or two people are under construction and some are already occupied. The \$57,000 raised by individuals in the Bay View Association will go toward the new construction of the first of ten slightly larger family-sized tiny homes in a community that will consist of 35 new homes. The new house will be called the ‘Bay View’ Tiny Home. For more information on Cass Community Social Services and the Tiny Homes Community, visit www.casscommunity.org.

“In addition to the generosity of individuals in Bay View with support of international and domestic charities and non-profits, there are many ways our members improve the lives of individuals in northern Michigan year after year” says Holmes. “Some members are involved in the Women’s Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Manna Food Project, Habitat for Humanity, and many others. Bay View’s members have been heavily involved with the Little Traverse CROP Walk for many years, and raised approximately \$25,000 this past summer. I continue to be impressed with the many ways members of the Bay View community are involved with worthy organizations through volunteerism, service on boards, and monetary support.”

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The Bay View Association is a summer community that values doing and giving. Our members participate, volunteer, give, and practice hospitality through Bay View’s four program areas of Education, Performing Arts, Worship and Religious Life, and Recreation. We welcome all to come and reflect, refresh, reconnect, rejoice, and find meaning in all that Bay View has to offer. For more information about the Bay View Association or the 2019 summer program, visit www.bayviewassociation.org or call 231.347.6225.