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### *Marian House expands through purchase of campus*

Baltimore, Maryland (January 2017) - Marian House Inc., a supportive housing nonprofit organization, has purchased the former school, rectory, and convent buildings of Blessed Sacrament Parish on Old York Road in the Penn Lucy Neighborhood of Baltimore City and plans to develop the property to expand its capacity to house and support homeless women and children.

The purchase between the Blessed Sacrament Parish and Archdiocese of Baltimore and Marian House was completed on December 22, 2016. The property is now known as Independence Place.

The vacant 25,000 square foot school building will undergo a complete, gut rehabilitation to transform it into a 22 unit apartment building for homeless individuals and families with community amenities and office space for Marian House staff. Design work was done by Gant Brunnett Architects and construction is underway with general contractor Southway Builders.

Plans to renovate the former rectory and convent buildings to provide transitional housing for homeless individuals and families are in early stages of development.

The \$6 million project is the largest real estate development undertaking in Marian House’s 35 year history. Funding for the project comes from the State of Maryland, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh and PNC Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta and Capital Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and M&T Bank, the France-Merrick Foundation, the Kenneth S. Battye Charitable Trust, and Marian House.

Since its founding in 1982, Marian House has served over 1,500 women and children through the provision of safe housing with intensive counseling and supportive services. The goal of Marian House is to help women overcome barriers associated with addiction, poverty, incarceration, trauma, and mental illness to transform their lives for the better.