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Open Community Meeting hosted by Mayor Brown & Councilman Pinkard to be held on April 16th to discuss the North Side location for the new Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley

OPEN MEETING: APRIL 16, 2019 - 5:30pm

Eugenia Atkinson Rec Center

903 Otis Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44510

Youngstown, Ohio... As the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley prays for the final provisions needed to complete a 4.95 million-dollar capital fundraising campaign, hopes are to begin construction of a replacement emergency shelter in 2019. Since the fundraising campaign launched, the location for the replacement facility was to be at the corner of Erie and Delason on Youngstown's South Side because the Mission currently owns just over 17 acres of land on that site.

However, for the past several months, a reevaluation of the South Side location has taking place and talks began with the Mayor's office, some in City Council, the Youngstown City Landbank and the Mahoning County Landbank to identify a more suitable location in Youngstown for our homeless population. Over the past few months, the idea of relocating the Mission from its current North Side location on State Rt 422 to just a few thousand feet West on Rt 422 has been researched. Numerous discussions have taken place with city leaders and members of the North Side community on this topic. In an effort to seek unity and understanding, Mayor Brown and Councilman Pinkard have graciously offered to host an open meeting on this topic. The meeting will be happening at the Eugenia Atkinson Rec Center located at 903 Otis Street in Youngstown, Ohio 44510 on April 16th at 5:30pm.

Much more than just "three hots and a cot," Mission leadership hopes that many will learn about the services, programs and community collaboration going on at Mahoning County's only emergency shelter, Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley, as the need for a replacement home is desperate. The current facility is beyond repair. John Muckridge III, President/CEO shared "The Mission began in 1893 as Christ Mission Settlement and was founded by W.J. Price at 408 E. Federal Street. We've been on the North Side of



Youngstown since the early 1970's and this location has been extremely beneficial to our clients because of access to bus lines as well as proximity to many of the support services, including Mercy Health, the VA Clinic, Goodwill Industries, and several other partners that are needed in their transition out of homelessness. We feel we are good neighbors in a neighborhood of good neighbors, and we hope to stay on the North Side and grow greater partnerships and collaborations.

The public is invited to attend and learn more about the proposed new North Side location for the replacement Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley.

About The Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley

Established in 1893, the purpose of the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley is to serve and glorify God through Christ-centered outreach of love and compassion that meets the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of disadvantaged men, women and children without regard to race, color or creed. The Mission's Resident building is located at 962 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and offers free meals three times daily and overnight shelter to men, women and children in need.