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## New Cleveland crisis center gets \$3M lifeline from Sisters of Charity Health System

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Rendering of The Centers behavioral health crisis center slated for the former St. Vincent Charity Medical Office Building. (The Centers)

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A \$3 million, one-time donation from Sisters of Charity Health System is helping to keep the new behavioral health crisis center on track.

The donation, announced on March 24, will help support The Centers in completing and operating its \$34.1 million behavioral health crisis center, which has been plagued with budget issues that threatened to shutter the project before it opened.

The most recent gift is a "call to action for Cleveland's philanthropic community" to help fill the remaining funding gaps the project is facing, The Centers leadership told Crain's.

"In a time when our community needs us most, (Sisters of Charity's) decision to stand by The Centers is a powerful testament to their belief in this project," said Stacey Rubinfeld, chief of institutional advancement at The Centers, in an emailed statement to Crain's. "This gift is a catalyst, and we hope it inspires others to join us in securing the future of this vital crisis center."

The Centers, a nonprofit organization that provides health care and related services, is slated to complete the new behavioral health crisis center, located in 51,000-square-foot at 2351 East 22nd St., by Sept. 30. This deadline needs to be met to maintain the \$6.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health, Crain's previously reported.

The project recently faced financial operational shortfalls after the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County planned to reduce its funding to stabilize its own operations. An agreement earlier this month revised the ADAMHS board's commitment to \$4.5 million annually beginning in 2027, a reduction from its original \$10 million promise.

The latest gift from the Sisters of Charity Health System helps to fill a financial gap, Rubinfeld said. However, the nonprofit needs to secure an additional \$2.7 million to complete the construction of the facility.

Once completed, the planned three-story behavioral health center run by The Centers will provide 24/7 care for individuals with mental health or substance use crises.

The first floor will provide crisis care for 40 patients, a walk-in behavioral health urgent care and a pharmacy. The second floor will be for residential care with 16 beds for psychiatric stabilization and 12 beds for withdrawal management. The third floor will have outpatient and integrated care services, including counseling, primary care and day treatment.

A result of the Sisters of Charity Health System's gift, the withdrawal management services will be named the Rosary Hall Withdrawal Management Center, a nod to Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System.

"This is not just an investment in a facility, it's an investment in people, in dignity and in the future of our community," said Michael Goar, president and CEO of the Sisters of Charity Health System, in a news release. "It reflects our continued commitment to strengthening the systems of care that support individuals experiencing addiction and mental health crises. We are proud to stand alongside The Centers as they build something that will genuinely change — and save — lives in the Central neighborhood and across Cuyahoga County."

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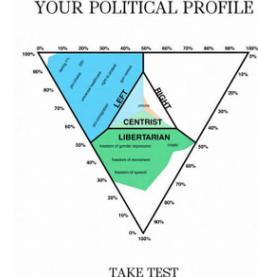
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