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RACINE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER

Segue Racine Inc, to Partner with Area Programs to Provide Low-Barrier Shelter this Winter

Racine – Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave and Segue Racine, Inc., announced a temporary site for a much-needed winter homeless shelter for those who are struggling with drug and alcohol related issues and do not meet the requirements for Racine’s HALO shelter. The site selected is the second floor of 2000 Domanik Drive, Racine, which was formerly the Lincoln Lutheran building, and is currently owned by 2000 Lincoln Center LLC. The offices of United Way Racine are on the first and third floor of the building.

“This is a viable spot for a temporary low-barrier shelter; this building’s first use was the A-Center, an addiction treatment facility. Now Segue plans to help those experiencing temporary homelessness transition from the streets back to a place they can call home,” stated Warren Williams, Pastor of Living Faith Lutheran Church and co-founder of Segue Racine. “We are grateful to County Executive Jonathan Delagrave, the United Way of Racine County, the owners of Domanik Drive, and community leaders for their assistance and support.”

“The County’s role is to support the community and to help those in need when possible. With the discontinuation of hotel vouchers, tight funding, and few options for suitable sites at this late date, we decided to take the lead and make this temporary site happen for this winter,” added Delagrave. “Our Behavioral Health Services can streamline the referrals from the shelter to assist in accessing services and assistance to Segue and other community partners.” Delagrave’s proposed grant payment of \$40,000 to Segue to cover the short-term lease for the Dominick Drive site will need approval from the County Board this month.

From November 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, those needing shelter will be accepted from 7 PM to 7 AM at the east entrance to the building. Security will be provided and sex offenders, alcohol and drugs, and weapons will be banned from the site. The shelter will comply with all municipal ordinances.

Delagrave also stressed that the community still needs a long-term, sustainable solution for a low-barrier homeless shelter. Discussions with HALO, the Continuum of Care

organization, the City of Racine, United Way, and interested community partners will continue until a permanent location is found.

“We are working to educate and inform the neighborhood and concerned citizens of our mission and most importantly, our rules and security surrounding this temporary shelter. Of course, the safety of the public and the people we serve is our priority,” explained First Baptist Church Pastor Holly Anderle, who co-founded Segue with Williams. Alderman Sandy Weidner, who was informed of the possible site in advance, has been supportive of the project and has been instrumental in helping inform her constituents of this project.

Segue representatives, including Pastor Anderle, will be available to answer any questions at the Neighborhood Watch meeting on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 10 am at Prospect Heights Community Living Center, 2015 Prospect Street, Racine. Please use the east parking lot and the downstairs east entrance.

Questions, donations, and volunteers are directed to: Segue Racine, Inc., 3117 Lathrop Ave., Racine, WI 53405, phone 262-417-7242 or email segueracine@gmail.com. Other community input is directed to: Alderman Sandy Weidner, phone 262-638-9501.

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