





Dear Friends and Supporters,

Join us on December 1st!

Grove of

This week, we celebrate new beginnings as our Pando Aspen Grove of Community Heights (Pando) Permanent Supportive Housing project has officially commenced. Last Thursday, we officially signed the financing documents to initiate this exciting new program. The Foundation for LCFS was awarded over \$8.4M in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) financing and a grant for \$800,000 to build this new facility that will serve youth ages 18-24 who have experienced homelessness. Pando has a special focus to serve youth who have "aged out" of the foster care system and will operate with the "Housing First" approach, providing an array of voluntary supportive services to help young adults reach their education, employment, health, and community integration goals. Pando will have 30 1-bedroom apartment units, community space, a food pantry, and offices onsite for supportive service providers. Demolition at the site is complete and LCFS and the Foundation are ready to move forward with construction!





How can you help?

While the funding is all in place for the building component of Pando, LCFS still needs your help to raise the resources needed to fund the supportive services component of the Pando program. LCFS will be participating in #GivingTuesday this year — and our goal is to raise funds for Pando services through this national day of giving. Stay tuned to our social media and emails updates for more information on the event as it approaches — and be sure to tell your friends about Pando as #GivingTuesday approaches! Want to give now? No problem — just add "Pando Services" in the comments of your online gift and we will direct it to this new and exciting program.

Some of the services LCFS hopes to provide through Pando include helping clients gain access to health insurance and supplemental food programs, nutrition and cooking classes, legal aid, budgeting and financial management, case management and mental health services, employment/career planning, and access and connections to educational enhancement opportunities. Youth are referred to the program through the Indianapolis Coordinated Entry system, and preference is given to those who have been involved in the child welfare/foster care system. Your support for Pando helps youth who have experienced homelessness, especially those who have been involved in the foster care system, a chance to achieve their goals and dreams.

If you can help us serve vulnerable youth, please visit our website to make a donation: https://www.lutheranfamily.org/how-to-help/donate.html











