

The House Call

The Official Newsletter of Dr. Bob's Home

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A.W.E. Center

Many of our friends in the vast community that make up "The World of Dr. Bob's Home" may or may not be aware that we have recently acquired a third property, which allows the Smith residence to now be flanked and protected on both sides by supporting structures.

These three structures and their grounds now resemble a campus, rather than a couple of homes. Collectively, they are often referred to as The Dr. Bob's Campus.

The new addition, located immediately behind Dr. Bob's Home, has the following address: 122 Everett Ave. Our board members and volunteers informally refer to this addition as "122," similarly to how we refer to the gift shop/archives house as "859" [Ardmore] and the Smith residence as "855" [Ardmore].

The opportunity for the acquisition of 122 was presented at a time when the rehabilitation of the 855 and 859 properties was moving into the maintenance phase. Simultaneously, it was becoming apparent that our ability to grow and effectively carry out our mission statement was being hindered by a lack of square footage. We were bursting at the seams, so to speak.

To make a long story short, we acquired 122 in a process that some may say had the makings of divine intervention. A new phase in the journey of Dr. Bob's Home had begun.

As many new journeys begin with baby steps, so did the visions of the possibilities presented by 122. We had many ideas, but we bore in mind our mission statement and the ability for us to carry it out. It became apparent that the educational and archival aspects of the mission should be a focal point. However, we always had the history of the miracles that occurred in the home and the foundation of those miracles – the essence of love – in the backs of our minds. The Smith household exemplified love, from Dr. Bob and



Annie's steadfast efforts to share the successful 12-step program to the welcoming attitude with which they lived their lives.

So, there it was and came to be: the archival, welcome and educational center, dubbed by one of our board members (who is fond of acronyms) as the A.W.E. Center. And it certainly was worthy of the newfound square footage.

Since the beginning of the 122 project, the term "A.W.E" is increasingly relevant and has borne itself out many times. We are so grateful to the contributions of the following: our hard-hatted board members and volunteers (who aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves); the beautiful friends of Dr. Bob who donate their time, energy, skill and often mileage to sharing their crafts skills during this project; the many members of the local community, who have stepped in to contribute labor and materials to a cause they might not fully understand, but still recognize as worthy; and to the trustees, donors and visitors who remind us daily of the value of the mission to which we adhere.

We therefore humbly introduce The A.W.E. Center.

Opening in the first quarter of 2020.

Save the Date

2020 Founders' Day Weekend

June 12, 13 and 14 | Akron, OH

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