



ENABLING RESIDENCES OF MICHIGAN



New Home for Adults with Disabilities – Faith House Ground Breaking Dedication this week!

On Sunday, April 18, 2010, from 2 - 4 p.m., the Ground Breaking Dedication will be held for Faith House, the new home to house Adults with Disabilities, through ***Covenant Enabling Residences (CER)***. The dedication will take place at 340 Thornridge Drive NW (corner of Lake Michigan Drive and Thornridge Drive), on the campus of Covenant Retirement Village.

Over the past 18 months the capital campaign for this home has brought together organizations from the community -- businesses, churches, contractors, families and friends -- to raise funds and design plans for a house that will become home to 6 residents from the community that have mental or physical disabilities.

On April 1, the Covenant Ministries of Benevolence (CMB) Board of Directors approved construction to begin on Faith House. CMB is a national nonprofit organization providing outreach ministries that mobilize communities around the country to build homes for adults with disabilities. Michigan is the fourth state to engage in this ministry. Faith House is the first CER home in the Grand Rapids area and the third home to be built in Michigan. In 2001, two homes, Mary's House and Joseph's House, were built in Norton Shores, Michigan, on the campus of Forest Park Covenant Church. CMB has mobilized the building of CER homes in Minnesota, Illinois and Florida as well.

Among many supporters, The following organizations have committed in-kind support of materials and volunteer service to develop plans and to construct the Faith House home; Bouma Corporation, Ron Wassenaar Builder, Inc., Wolverine Building Group, Andy J. Eagan Company, Post Associates, Buist Electric, Prein & Newhof, Hap Hoekwater & Sons Excavating, West Michigan Tree Service, Standard Lumber, Eikenhout Inc., Byron Bank and Hooper Printing. The community and area covenant churches have also stepped forward to help through volunteer time and funding support. In addition, CMB is a primary donor for this home.

Please refer to CER website at www.cermi.org for:

- more information on Covenant Enabling Residences of Michigan (CERMI),
- to make donations to Faith House, or
- to contact the Advisory Council for more details.