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COMMUNICAID EXPANDS TO SERVE MERCER STREET NEIGHBORHOODS

CommunicAID Plans To Purchase Former Mercer Street Elementary School

ANYTOWN, YS (May 3, 2015)--CommunicAID is purchasing the former Mercer Street Elementary School for expansion to serve the Mercer Street neighborhood. Support services will be available to low-income families in need of support, food and shelter. Construction plans to begin within the next two months.

After being hit hard by the sharp downturn in the economy, the Mercer Street neighborhood closed many of its manufacturing plants. As a result, many families were left with few resources. "Due to a lack of transportation, many are unable to travel to the current CommunicAID location and are unaware of its services. The Mercer Street location allows these citizens to reach such services," said CommunicAID president, Suzanne G. McGrath.

The space will include a 32-bed overnight shelter, a 30-person long-term family shelter, and a 60-person day shelter with food service, as well as a 12,000 square foot food pantry. Extra space will be dedicated to counseling rooms, conference rooms, and office space.

CommunicAID is purchasing Mercer Street Elementary School for \$2.5 million. Funds for the project are provided by grants and low-interest loans. YS Housing Authority is awarding a grant of \$500,000 specifically to remove asbestos and lead paint, and Anytown City Council is donating a grant of \$250,000. Anderson & Lee will be the chief architect for remodeling.

About CommunicAID

Founded in 1994, CommunicAID's is dedicated to helping the poor and homeless in Anytown. Concerned with the rise of homelessness and lack of support services, CommunicAID began by donating food and shelter. After gaining support from donors and volunteers, CommunicAID is now able to provide services to help escape poverty status.