

## **ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN THE DISTRICT**

### **Closing DC General: Short-Term Family Housing in Ward 1**

The District of Columbia has a plan to end homelessness - and that includes closing DC General, the city's largest family shelter. Experts, community leaders, and current and former residents agree that DC General is not a good place for families. It's too big, too old and geographically removed from the services that families experiencing homelessness need to exit shelter.

In order to close DC General, the Bowser Administration and DC Council are advancing a plan to open up short-term family housing in every single ward. These facilities will be small, safe and dignified - with the services and supports that help families get back on their feet.

#### **Short-Term Family Housing in Ward 1**

After a thorough search, the District's Department of General Services has secured a site for short-term family housing in Ward 1 at 2105-2107 10th Street, NW. The facility will accommodate up to 30 families at a time.

The Ward 1 short-term family housing facility will involve a refurbishment of a blighted historical structure, the former Morning Bright Church, along with new construction. The new and modern building will complement the look and feel of the neighborhood, and will include:

- Playground & recreation space
- Computer lab for residents
- Common dining area
- Ongoing support services & programming for families

Following is an architect's rendering of what the site may look like. Exact design specifications are subject to change as development moves forward.



We expect construction of the facility to be completed by 2018.

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