



Mission Accepts \$300,000 Grant from the John R. Oishei Foundation For Next Century Capital Campaign

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Buffalo, NY, October 11, 2017 – Today, the John R. Oishei Foundation awarded a grant of \$300,000 to the Buffalo City Mission to be distributed over three years in support of the Mission’s Next Century Capital Campaign.

The Buffalo City Mission has provided an exceptionally effective ministry to people experiencing homelessness in the Western New York area for 100 years. Even still, the homeless population is on the rise with an increase of 9% last year and expected to go higher next year, according to the Home Alliance of Western New York (HAWNY).

With an aging Men’s Community Center, built over 33 years ago when there were less homeless men on the streets, the Mission will use this grant toward its Next Century Capital Campaign, a campaign set to support a new facility for all Buffalonians in need. The Center, designed to offer needed services to 150-200 men will include a medical clinic, health services, community legal services, case management, an emergency shelter, transitional housing, classrooms, a chapel and much more.

“These essential funds will be used to build a new men’s shelter that will mirror the highly successful women’s facility, Cornerstone Manor while doubling the size of its predecessor. The Buffalo City Mission is thankful to obtain this financial investment from the Oishei Foundation. As the momentum is building, to date, the Mission has met 3.5 million dollars toward its fundraising goal needed by April 2018,” said Stuart Harper, CEO and Executive Director of the Buffalo City Mission.

The Foundation states, “The John R. Oishei Foundation enhances the economic vitality and quality of life for the Buffalo Niagara region through grantmaking, leadership and network building. The Foundation was established in 1940 by John R. Oishei, founder of Trico Products Corporation.”

About the Buffalo City Mission

The Buffalo City Mission, founded in 1917, is a nonprofit organization that provides preventative, emergency and transitional programs to thousands of people who are homeless and impoverished. The Mission includes a Women and Children’s Shelter (Cornerstone Manor); the Men’s Community Center; and Dick Road thrift store to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit www.buffalocitymission.org or call (716) 854-8181.

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