

The Moody Foundation will commit \$4 million to support the creation of a permanent Jeremiah Program campus that will serve low-income single parents and their children in the Austin/Central Texas area. The campus will provide two-bedroom apartment homes for 35 families and will be part of the Guadalupe-Saldana Net-Zero Subdivision in East Austin, being developed by the Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation (GNDC). The campus also will include an accredited on-site early childhood development center to serve up to 60 children, ample community space, and offices for support staff.

"There are more than 15,000 single mother families in Austin, with 56,000 children under the age of 18 living in poverty," said Stuart Hersh, chair of Jeremiah Program's Austin community board of trustees. "They face nearly insurmountable obstacles to getting out of poverty without the support of a program like Jeremiah. We are deeply grateful for the Moody Foundation's understanding of both the need for Jeremiah Program in Austin and the successful model it offers."

The 47,000 square-foot campus, being funded through a capital campaign, is phase 2 of Jeremiah Program's work in Austin. Phase 1, which opened in fall 2013 in partnership with GNDC, welcomed four families into newly constructed duplexes, also in the Guadalupe-Saldana Net-Zero Subdivision. With the Moody Foundation gift and other contributions from the community, Jeremiah Program-Austin has raised approximately 70% of the \$8 million campaign goal. Construction on the permanent campus is slated to begin in early 2015.

"We are investing in a model that works," said Ross Moody, trustee of the Moody Foundation. "We believe that this program can make a measurable difference in the lives of many low-income single mothers and their children in Austin."

The Moody Foundation is a charitable organization that makes grants primarily in Austin, Galveston and Dallas, with an emphasis on education, social services, children's needs and community development. The Moody Foundation was created by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Moody Jr. to benefit in perpetuity present and future generations of Texans.

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