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FOR THE FUTURE**

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WELCOME TO THE
YELLOW HOUSE FOUNDATION

*A safe place for recovery in Williamson County
and the surrounding Greater Austin community.*

BUILDING FUND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

OUR MISSION

To provide a safe place for recovery from alcohol and substance abuse in Williamson County and the surrounding Greater Austin community for individuals and their families.

OUR FOUNDATION

The Yellow House Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization operating in the state of Texas formed in 2003 that is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors who are committed to this mission of recovery in Central Texas.

The Yellow House Foundation is the largest nonprofit 12 Step organization for alcohol and substance abuse recovery in Williamson County. For those in recovery and their families, the Yellow House Foundation provides a home for hope.

Our contribution to this community has not gone unnoticed. In 2019, the Texas House of Representatives unanimously passed **House Resolution 2149**, honoring the Yellow House Foundation for “its contributions to substance abuse recovery in Williamson and Travis Counties.” The full text of this HR 2149 is included in the back of this packet.

RECOGNIZING THE PROBLEM

Alcohol and substance abuse are diseases that do not discriminate and can affect those from all walks of life. While often stigmatized, more often it is overlooked or kept quiet. Addiction affects not only these individuals, but their families who suffer with them, their friends, their co-workers and employers, and anyone who shares the road or interacts with them. Giving people and their families the tools to overcome this disease is our passion and purpose.

Here are some facts to consider:

- By the end of 2020, mental and substance use disorders had **surpassed** all physical diseases as a major cause of disability worldwide. ¹
- Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, it was estimated that approximately **34,000** (7.5%) Williamson County residents struggle with drug and/or alcohol dependence. ²
- About **6,000** adults are arrested in Williamson County each year for alcohol or drug violations. ³

These numbers do not take into account the surrounding communities like Austin in our neighboring Travis County—which has one of the highest DWI rate in Texas—that utilizes the services provided by the Yellow House Foundation.

¹ The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA.GOV)

² 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan for Williamson County, WFN Consulting, LLC

³ Williamson Co Drug Impact Index 2015, LifeSteps Council on Alcohol and Drugs

HELPING THE SOLUTION

Many people assume 12 step and other recovery groups just happen on their own and always find places to meet. But these groups are limited because they have to rent rooms from places like churches or community centers that have their own activities. This usually provides them a chance to offer only one meeting per week while attendees are left on their own in the meantime.

The Yellow House Foundation is different. We provide a permanent home for these groups and offer a safe haven every day of the week for recovery. This is the invaluable advantage of having a partnership with a nonprofit organization like ours.

The Yellow House is home to at least **43 recovery meetings per week**, including weekends. And our doors are open 24-hours-a-day during holidays when some people might need a meeting the most. This adds up to around **2,500 meetings per year**. We are also a harbor for area residential treatment facilities who count on us to provide offsite 12 Step meetings for those in their care.

But these are only the formal, public meetings. Our private meeting rooms provide additional space for personal sessions between sponsors and those they are seeking to help, or individuals and families who need a place to gather to work on their recovery journeys.

And we are an invaluable resource for post-adjudication programs such as the Williamson County DWI/Drug Court who require community service or participation in the meetings our groups provide as part of their goal to help participants recover from substance dependency. Through us, the courts have a trusted place to send individuals to focus on the development and maintenance of daily living skills and behaviors which promote lifelong sobriety and productive service as members of the community.

Multiple recovery groups call the Yellow House their home.

These include **Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Alateen, Cocaine Anonymous and Nicotine Anonymous**. And we will make room for more if we have the resources and an expanded building.

The groups that choose to come under the Yellow House roof are bound by their own rules and traditions that often limit their ability to exist as formal entities on their own, which means they can't raise funds beyond their attendees' contributions at meetings. That's where the YHF comes in:

- We provide safe, permanent facilities and grounds that are open every day to those in recovery.
- We manage the facilities and overhead costs so recovery groups can focus on recovery.
- We manage business liability and oversee fiscal responsibility for all activity on our premises.
- We raise awareness of recovery solutions in Williamson County and our surrounding communities.

These are all things that individual groups are unable to do based on their own guidelines as self-supporting groups forbidden to have formal structure. We are the other stable piece of the puzzle to make sure they succeed.

The Yellow House began as an AA group in 1983 that used to meet in an old yellow home located at the corner of Bell Boulevard (US 183) and Cypress Creek Road in Cedar Park. This is where it all began and the “Old Yellow House” is fondly remembered by those that have been here since the beginning.

As the area grew, we made the first migration up Bell Boulevard a few blocks north in 2003 to our current home on Commercial Parkway. This is when we were able to form the Yellow House Foundation to expand and grow to accommodate the number of recovery groups we host today.

For many, this is their home for recovery and a starting point for a new life. It has been a great, stable place for so many.

But now we’ve come to the next chapter in the story of the Yellow House.

Once again, we have been given the task to move a little further north up Bell Boulevard to build for the future...



ACCEPTING THE THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE

The Yellow House is currently located in the center of what will soon become the new Bell District in Cedar Park. This aggressive project involves the realignment of Bell Boulevard (US Highway 183) to make way for a 52-acre development project along the lines of The Domain in Austin.

As longtime members of the community, we are thrilled that Cedar Park will soon have a vibrant mixed-use downtown district. But the Bell Boulevard Redevelopment Project means the place we have called home since 2003 will soon be leveled, and we have until the end of 2021 to relocate.

Our Building Fund Capital Campaign was launched with the primary purpose of finding and purchasing land in the area we currently serve and constructing a new facility that meets our growing needs for years to come.

Well, we found it.

After an aggressive two-year search, we landed on a new home just a few miles up the road in the heart of Leander, Texas. The site is an undeveloped plot of land between US-183 and US-183A just off Bell Boulevard in the center of the fastest-growing city in America according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The site is also less than 2 miles away from a direct Metro Rail link to downtown Austin and all the communities between, providing greater accessibility.

COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS WE CAN

We are planning to create a space that has comparable, but noticeably larger meeting spaces that better accommodate the multiple meetings we house. This new site meets our goals of finding a location in the heart of the community we serve.

We are designing it in ways that respect our diverse groups' needs for privacy. Our architects have designed plans for the new building and mapped out a parking lot that will be accommodating and accessible to all while being respectful of our neighbors and preserving the natural environment of our new site.

With your help, the new Yellow House will be a safe space to gather and retreat throughout the day that will remain open from our first recovery meetings at 8AM until our last meetings conclude by 9PM, and sometimes later when the need arises.

And we are committed to building in a way that preserves the natural beauty and environment of the existing property combined with engineering the property to be a good neighbor to our surrounding Leander neighbors and our new city.



THE COSTS

GOAL: To raise over **\$2 million** in capital funds to purchase land (PHASE 1) and complete construction of the new Yellow House (PHASE 2).

STATUS: By the beginning of 2020, we hit our PHASE 1 goal and **raised over \$439,000** to purchase the land in Leander. We closed the deal on February 7th. The seller had a kind heart and priced it favorably, as an independent appraisal of the property we commissioned confirmed when it came back valued at \$480,000. We feel confident this was a fiscally sensible and responsible beginning for this new endeavor.

NEXT STEPS: We now are focused on **raising the \$1.62 million** for PHASE 2 to construct the new Yellow House facilities this year. Substantial progress towards this goal must be made immediately to begin construction this summer **before our end-of-year deadline** to leave our current facility to make way for the Bell Boulevard Redevelopment District. Urgent funding will also help us limit the additional costs of temporary housing if we can avoid construction being delayed.

We have come a long way and are extremely grateful for all the group members and supporters who have contributed over the past two years. With the land purchased and building designs finalized by our engineering and architecture advisors, **all that remains is completing this PHASE 2 fundraising effort.**

Since the inception of the Building Fund, we have raised nearly half a million dollars in tax-deductible donations from individuals who attend the groups that gather at the Yellow House, along with area businesses, local churches and large corporate employers who are generously grateful for the Foundation. And our dedicated team of architects and engineers have donated more than \$460,000 to lower our building costs because they believe in what we have built for this community over the last three decades and they want to see our work continue for generations to come.

With your help, we can raise the remaining funds needed to continue the lifesaving and pro-family work of the Yellow House Foundation that strengthens our community.

Total Project Cost:	\$2,059,000
Total Funds Raised:	\$957,000
REMAINING FUNDS NEEDED:	\$1,102,000
Number of Yellow House Foundation Donors as of March 1, 2021:	445



PHASE 1: THE LAND

Size:	3.268 acres
Total Cost:	\$439,000
Funds Raised by YHF Donors:	\$439,000
Remaining Funds Needed:	\$0
Status:	PURCHASED – February 2020



PHASE 2: THE BUILDING

Size:	6,175 square feet
Total Cost:	\$1,620,000
Donations from Contractors:	\$460,000
Funds Raised by YHF Donors as of March 1, 2021:	\$58,000
Remaining Funds Needed:	\$1,102,000
Status:	PENDING

We would like to thank our **Building Partners** who have a passion for our cause and have already donated or discounted countless hours of their time and resources:

- Griffin + Jacobson Architects, LLC
- Motivado Group, Inc.
- MDG Construction
- Clark & Fuller Engineering
- Nichols Engineering, LLC
- C|P|H Structural Engineering, Inc.
- KS Permitting, LLC

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE YHF BUILDING FUND

Your generous support at one of the levels below will help us reach our remaining \$1.1 million fundraising goal so we can continue our mission of providing a safe place for recovery in Williamson County and the surrounding Greater Austin community.

To express our immense gratitude for your partnership on this project, we are providing a number of ways to permanently commemorate your support for the Yellow House Foundation at the new location you help build.

\$250,000: FOUNDATION PARTNERS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

- **Naming rights for the Coffee Bar or one of our two main assembly rooms**
- Your name or logo with your website link on the YHF website
- Your name listed on the Building Fund display wall in the entrance foyer

\$100,000: CORNERSTONE PARTNERS

- **Naming rights for one of our large assembly rooms**
- Your name or logo with your website link on the YHF website
- Your name listed on the Building Fund display wall in the entrance foyer

\$50,000: COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- **Naming rights for one of our outdoor covered patio gathering areas**
- Your name or logo with your website link on the YHF website
- Your name listed on the Building Fund display wall in the entrance foyer

\$25,000: ARCH BUILDERS

- **Naming rights for one of our small meeting rooms**
- Your name or logo with your website link on the YHF website
- Your name listed on the Building Fund display wall in the entrance foyer

\$10,000: AMBASSADORS

- Naming rights for one of the nature preserve areas on the property
- Your name or logo with your website link on the YHF website
- Your name listed on the Building Fund display wall in the entrance foyer

\$5,000: PIONEERS

- **Your name or logo with your website link on the YHF website**
 - Your name listed on the Building Fund display wall in the entrance foyer
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There are limited spaces available for naming rights, so these will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Should these spaces already be reserved, we will make sure we find a comparable way to recognize you for your generous support.

Individuals or entities who wish to remain anonymous can choose to be listed with only your first name and last name initial.

THE YELLOW HOUSE FOUNDATION

BUILDING FUND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PARTNER FORM

All donors, if they choose, will be appropriately recognized for their generous support in a grateful manner according to their investment.

☐ **YES! I / WE SUPPORT THE YELLOW HOUSE FOUNDATION AND THEIR EFFORTS TO CONTINUE SERVING WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND THE SURROUNDING GREATER AUSTIN COMMUNITIES FOR RECOVERY.**

- ☐ \$250,000
- ☐ \$100,000
- ☐ \$50,000
- ☐ \$25,000
- ☐ \$10,000

- ☐ \$5,000
- ☐ \$1,000
- ☐ \$500
- ☐ Other \$ _____
- ☐ Monthly Partner of \$ _____ paid on the _____ of the month

Please fill out credit card information or make check payable to
The Yellow House Foundation and send with this completed form to:

THE YELLOW HOUSE FOUNDATION

120 Commercial Parkway
Cedar Park, Texas 78613

OR COMPLETE YOUR YHF PARTNER FORM ONLINE: yhfoundation.org/donations

For questions, contact Hal Cromwell at 512-826-4322 or halcromwell@yahoo.com

Is this contribution a ☐ **Business/Organization Entity** or ☐ **Individual donation?**

Items in **BOLD are required*

Full Name of Contributor or Entity: _____

Contact Name if Entity: _____

PLEASE SELECT:

☐ *I am comfortable being recognized as a donor to the Yellow House Foundation.*

☐ *I choose to remain publicly anonymous in this manner:* First Name: _____ Last Initial: ____ ☐ **No Name at All**

If in memory of a loved one, Full Name of Individual(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ **Address Type:** ☐ **Business** ☐ **Home**

Preferred Phone: _____ **Secondary Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

If Credit Card:

Full Name on Card: _____

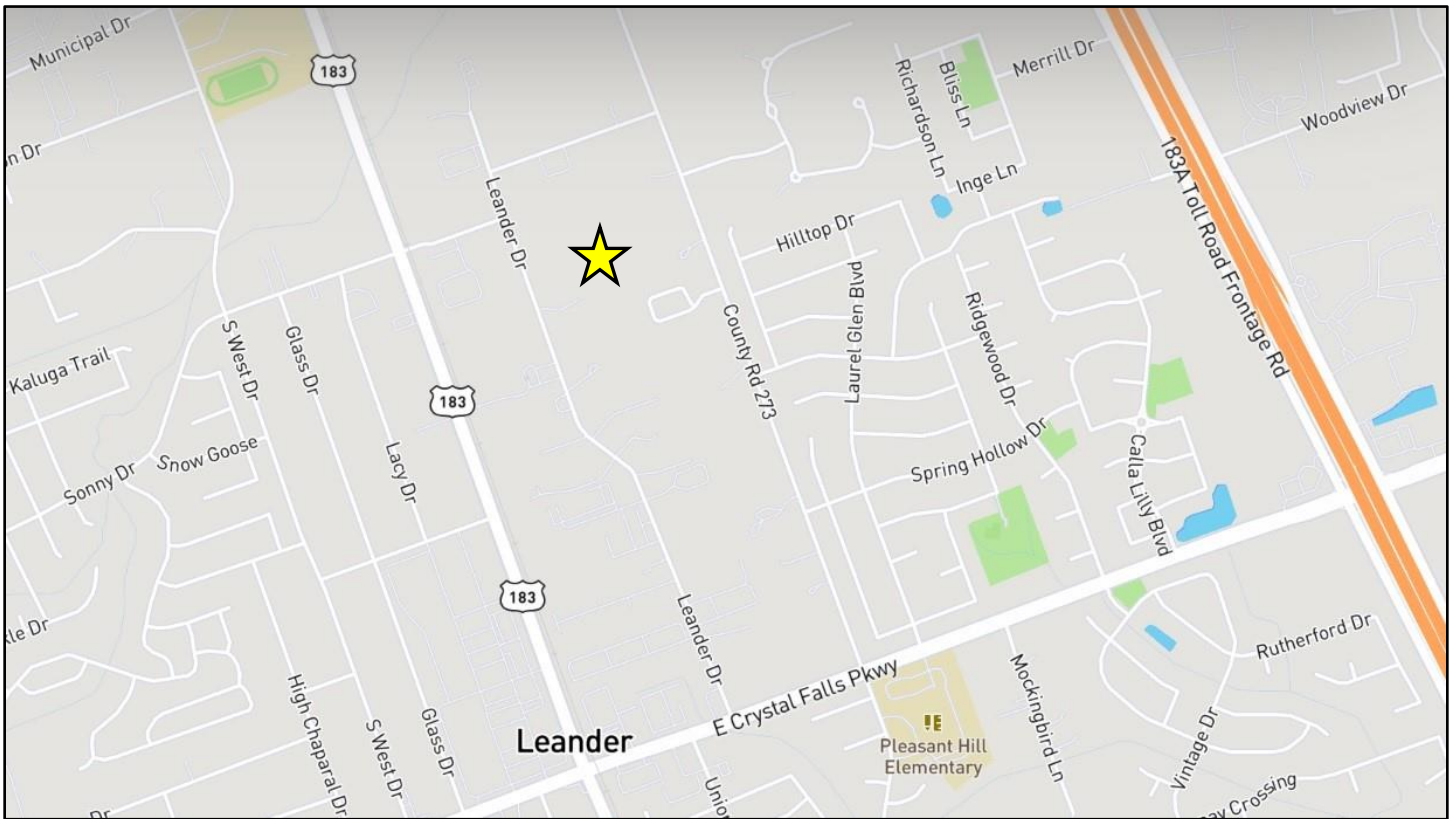
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ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE AS WE ARE A NONPROFIT 501(c)3 TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

Our New Home

Located in the heart of Leander, our new site sits between US-183 and US-183A and Crystal Falls Parkway and Ranch Road 2243 on Leander Drive near East Sonny Drive.





THE NEW YELLOW HOUSE

804 Leander Drive
Leander, Texas 78641







H.R. No. 2149

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Yellow House Foundation is dedicated to assisting residents in Williamson and Travis Counties who are striving to overcome substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, After 20 years of operation as an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Yellow House Foundation was established more than 16 years ago by members seeking to provide a permanent location for multiple recovery groups in Cedar Park; the foundation was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 2003 to create an environment focused solely on recovery by managing facilities and administrative costs, thereby allowing 12-step recovery groups to concentrate on helping individuals to regain meaningful lives and to realize that the most satisfactory years of their existence still lie ahead; and

WHEREAS, The foundation's facility now hosts more than 2,500 meetings a year, including 14 groups from such organizations as AA, Al-Anon, Cocaine Anonymous, and Alateen; the groups themselves are self-supporting; and

WHEREAS, Through its service to recovery groups, Yellow House Foundation is helping area residents to build better lives, and in so doing, the organization is benefiting the entire community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby honor Yellow House Foundation for its contributions to substance abuse recovery in Williamson and Travis Counties and commend all those associated with this noteworthy organization for their outstanding efforts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the foundation as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Signed in the Texas House of Representatives on May 27, 2019.

VIEW: <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=HR2149>



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