

sojourner house

project

Sojourner House

neighborhood

East Liberty & Negley Place

grant amount

\$18,000

grant year

2002

community organization

East Liberty Development, Inc. & Negley Place

Neighborhood Alliance

architect

Rothschild Doyno Architects

project type

residential



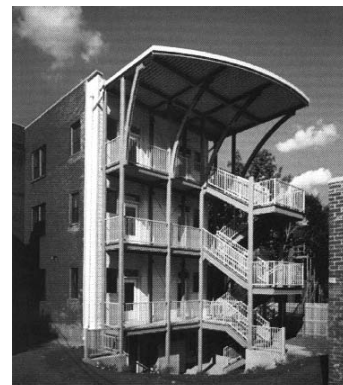
Sojourner House elevation

In 2002, the Sojourner House community organization was invited by East Liberty Development, Inc. (ELDI) and Negley Place Neighborhood Alliance (NPNA) to build a Sojourner House MOMS project in their neighborhood. This partnership's goal was to bring a residential facility to the area that would be the site of a permanent supportive housing program for homeless, mentally ill and substance-abusing women and their children. This situation was a novel one for Sojourner House - never before had a neighborhood organization actively initiated the process of bringing a supportive housing project into their community.



Groundbreaking celebration.

The East Liberty neighborhood chosen to host Sojourner House was one of formerly grand single-family houses, many of which had been broken down into rental units. The goal of the community was to improve this area through reestablishing a population committed to reinvesting in the neighborhood and its properties. Locating Sojourner House in this area would blend the rebuilding of the neighborhood with the rebuilding of families. CDCP support enabled planning and design for the rehabilitation of buildings that would be dedicated as supportive housing.



Completed Sojourner House unit.

The first phase has been completed and involved the \$1.6 million renovation of 5524 Hays Street, a former apartment building which was notorious for rampant drug use. It was transformed from ten apartments into spacious, high-quality apartments, plus additional common areas. The design work for phase two is now complete and consists of an additional ten units of new construction on three separate sites in the same neighborhood.