



Cleveland Scholar House

United Way of Greater Cleveland and CHN Housing Partners convened a passionate coalition of organizations to create a scholar house in Cleveland. This coalition includes Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College, Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland (Head Start), and Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority. The scholar house model catalyzes economic mobility by providing a supported living-learning environment that allows single parents to complete post-secondary education.

Development and Timeline

In February 2021 CHN Housing Partners will apply for tax credits through the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) to allow for building a scholar house campus in Cleveland. Working with CMHA, a site has been identified on Community College Avenue at E. 22nd Street. If awarded, Cleveland Scholar House would begin leasing to residents in summer of 2023, with the capacity to house more than 40 single-parent families.

Cleveland Scholar House will receive significant in-kind donations through its partnerships, including:

- Scholarships
- Subsidized rent
- Childcare vouchers for children 5 and under
- Academic supports and tutoring

Expected Results: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

The scholar house model supports economic mobility for single-parent families. The powerful two-generation approach intentionally focuses on serving both the adult and child(ren) in a family by providing a housing voucher for the scholar house campus, on-site high-quality childcare, and health and wellness supports.

Scholar houses in other communities have shown excellent results:

- 81% of participants exit to stable employment
- Average annual income of graduates from past five years is \$47,609
- 77% of graduates have significantly reduced reliance on public assistance
- 88% of children in child development centers are performing above age-appropriate developmental benchmarks