### The Revitalization of a Milwaukee 'Gem'



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In 1935, the Clark family opened a rooming house on Milwaukee's near west side, called the Clark House, for residents to rest their bodies after a hard day's work in and around Milwaukee. Soon thereafter it turned into a rooming house serving meals, and has since been known as a rooming/boarding house.

In today's economy, things have changed considerably and all of a sudden Milwaukee has become a haven for a tent city. Needless to say, this has not set well with community leaders and local residents.

When the Clark House fell on hard times due to many distressed people unable to find a roof over their head at night, the current owners decided to sell the property to a nonprofit, interdenominational organization called ProBuColls Association. ProBuColls has been in the housing ministry for underprivileged, ex-offenders, and the unemployed with no ability to pay rent, a security deposit, etc., for many decades.

ProBuColls has found this to be a great need since 1980 and was very privileged to have made the deal to purchase the Clark House complex of five buildings.

#### HERE IS WHERE YOU COME IN

Please read the next few pages and see if you can be of any service to take this 'golden apple of his eye' on Milwaukee's west side and continue the 'silver lining' of the track that it was on.

# **Our Corporate Needs**

- New facade for the main building
- Windows and commercial door
- 5 roofs to be replaced along with gutters
- 2 houses need new siding
- 3 houses need power washing and painting
- Electrical work in each house to be brought up to date, with many small new fixtures and some ceiling lights with fans
- Approximately 60 new windows
- 60 glass block basement windows
- Numerous room doors
- 45 new lock and key sets
- 95 gallons of interior satin paint (can be mismatched, lighter colors)
- Shower stalls need refurbishing
- 15 commercial elongated toilets
- 12 bathroom wall-hung sinks
- 45 hospital bed type of mattresses
- · Security cameras for interior and exterior use
- Exterior motion-detecting lights
- Landscaping in front of buildings
- Paving of small parking area in rear for handicap access













## **Needs for Individual Workers**

Interior painting of 40 rooms plus hallways

Yard workers in spring and summer

Clean outs

Etc., Etc.









## **Our Financial Needs**

Possibly none of the above fit into your work related schedule, financial needs are always more than welcome with a 501c3 receipt available. Naming rights to the buildings are also available.



If you have any questions or to donate your material and/or services, call Bob Conklin at 414-791-5315 or ProBuColls at 414-344-7300.

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