



YWCA Greater Pittsburgh Closes Sale of Downtown Building *Wood Street Property sold to City Club Apartments*

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PITTSBURGH (April 7, 2022) – As part of the nonprofit’s strategic focus on race and gender equity, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh has closed today on the sale of its Downtown headquarters building to City Club Apartments for \$4 million.

Constructed in 1962, the building has long been a symbol of female leadership, with the location in the center of Pittsburgh’s financial district seen by many as a victory for the women’s movement. Over the years, however, use of the building has shifted to fit changing community priorities, rendering most of its seven stories empty.

“For over 150 years, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh has continually adapted to meet the needs of women and families,” said Angela Reynolds, Ph.D., CEO of YWCA Greater Pittsburgh. “Though we are saying goodbye to a piece of our history today, we know that using our resources strategically in the service of race and gender equity is the best way to honor the women who came before us.”

Following both the sale of its downtown building and a \$20 Million grant from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott in 2020, the organization is participating in a pilot nonprofit capitalization program through a local foundation to ensure the best possible stewardship of its resources. Through this partnership, YWCA is receiving high level consulting to implement a financial strategy that aligns asset management with the focused pursuit of the organization’s mission. YWCA will continue to prioritize a sound mission driven financial strategy as it looks to the future.

Part of the proceeds from the downtown building will go toward leasing new office space, with staff likely moving in at the beginning of 2023. YWCA’s new headquarters will be reflective of its mission and equity priorities, including gender-neutral bathrooms and accessible facilities for those with disabilities as well as families with young children. Though the location of its new offices has yet to be finalized, the organization is committed to ensuring its offices will be easily reachable. Proximity to major bus lines and free parking will be additional priorities in the decision-making process.

“Our vision is that this sale will allow us to take even bolder steps toward eliminating racism and empowering women,” said Anne Herman, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh’s Board President, “and our new physical space is part of that vision. We’re thrilled to be stepping into a new phase of growth that brings us back to our core values.”

About YWCA Greater Pittsburgh

Founded in 1867, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh is a member of a nationally recognized movement with a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. The non-profit provides direct services, empowerment programming and advocacy to support individuals and families, especially women and girls of color, while working to challenge structural barriers to equity. Its Economic Advancement Programs support the most vulnerable in our communities, who are most impacted by COVID-19 and its socioeconomic effects. For more information on YWCA Greater Pittsburgh and its programs, visit <https://www.ywcapgh.org>.

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