



## **Cincinnati Scholar House Update**

*As submitted by the Cincinnati Scholar House Advisory Committee*

Work continues at a rapid pace on the Cincinnati Scholar House in Walnut Hills, a joint project between Christ Church Cathedral, the Model Group and Cincinnati Union Bethel. The facility should open early in 2020 and will provide transitional learning and living for low income single parents who are completing post-secondary education. Teaching and care support will also be given to the children of Scholar House residents. As a result, Scholar House will impact two generations at a time.

Christ Church Cathedral pledged support for Scholar House as part of its Third Century Vision and related capital campaign. Originally, the cathedral pledged \$2 million from campaign funds, which amount has been augmented by a \$500,000 estate gift. The cathedral will be holding Scholar House monies in a separate fund and will transfer up to \$250,000 annually to cover operational expenses. Scholar House will get the added benefit of investment increases at the end of a ten year period.

In addition to its financial support, the Cathedral will collaborate with Cincinnati Union Bethel and scholar house staff to develop a pool of volunteers for tutoring, mentorship and programming support.

Christ Church Cathedral's financial and volunteer commitments are overseen by an advisory committee that is made up of four members appointed by the Vestry of the Cathedral and three members appointed by the Cincinnati Union Bethel Board. Dean Gail Greenwell also serves as an *ex officio* member of the Advisory Committee. The cathedral members who currently sit on the Advisory Committee are Diane Ebbs, Don Lane, Jane Page Steiner and Mark Sackett.

Those who are new to Christ Church Cathedral since the Capital Campaign wrapped up are encouraged to support Scholar House. Of course, Capital Campaign participants are welcome to increase their financial commitment to Scholar House as well. Refer to <https://www.cubcincy.org/cincinnati-scholar-house-set-to-open-december-of-2019/> for further updates and to see how to donate. Also, stay alert for announcements about volunteer activities coming soon.