## **First Place Budget and Information**

Duplex cost to build estimate – \$160k per building (2 apartments)

- Materials and some labor. This amount can be further offset by donations of things like appliances and furnishings, and also by donations of skilled labor.

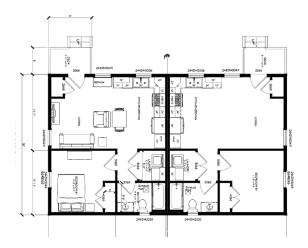
As of 3/14/24, we have raised a total of \$555,754.96

Also as of 3/14/24, we have spent just under **\$200,000** of that to do some of the initial infrastructure work and complete the first duplex.

That means that buildings number 2 and 3 are also fully funded and construction will begin in Spring of 2024.

We anticipate opening our first 2 apartments in April 2024, and completing another 4 apartments by the end of 2024 *at our current giving level*. We will continue raising funds and once we hit the next threshold we will begin construction on duplex #4, for a total of 8 apartments. We can build as many as 7 duplexes, housing up to 14 youth on our property.

The nature of the project being done in stages means that the more money we raise, the more and sooner we build.



We also have space set aside to build an additional home for gatherings, meetings, and other ways to serve the foster care system locally.

Giving towards First Place goes directly to construction costs to offer more housing units to more youth. There are many youth in Muskegon alone who could benefit from this safe, stable, and supportive housing. We are limited only by the funds currently available.

Establishing stable and supportive housing for youth in the critical transition years between foster care and adulthood is going to change the outcome for former foster youth in West Michigan.



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