New Joelyn’s Home Quick Facts

When the only access bridge to Boston Harbor’s Long Island closed due to concerns about structural integrity in October of 2014, the City of Boston lost 70% of women’s residential recovery services between the program run by Volunteers for America and Victory Programs 47-bed, state-of-the-art residential treatment program, Joelyn’s Family Home. Since then, Victory Programs has partnered with the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and our many generous supporters to rebuild our women’s residential programs.

TIMELINE:

- **June 20, 2007:** Joelyn’s Family Home opens on Boston Harbor’s Long Island. This state-of-the-art residential treatment program for women recovering from substance addiction is the largest in the state with 47 beds.
- **October 8, 2014:** After increasing reports of structural deficiencies in the aging bridge that is the only access road to Long Island, the bridge was permanently closed. Victory Programs immediately begins working with City and State officials to relocate the women’s recovery beds that had been on Long Island.
- **July 2015:** Victory Programs acquires a Victorian home in Roxbury that meets the necessary criteria for conversion to a recovery home. Victory Programs starts planning major rehabilitation and agency owned renovations.
- **February 2016:** Victory Programs expands New Victories, a men’s recovery home in Dorchester, into a neighboring building, opening 14 new recovery beds for women and making New Victories co-ed.
- **September 2016:** Victory Programs is able to begin the projected $3 million dollar renovations necessary to convert the property to residential treatment program with the continued assistance of the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the support of private funders.
- **February 2017:** Victory Programs adds 7 new beds for pregnant and parenting mothers, for a total of 39 licensed beds at Shepherd House, a residential recovery program for women located in Dorchester.
- **May 2017:** Victory Programs completes the renovations and licensing required to open the new, 24-bed women’s residential treatment program in Roxbury. The program is named New Joelyn’s Home in recognition of its predecessor.

New Joelyn’s Home Funding and Expenses

**Funding:**
- Close to $1 million from the City of Boston
- Close to $1 million from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Close to $1 million from private foundations

**Expenses:**
- Close to $900,000 to purchase the property
- $1.6 million in construction costs to renovate the property
- Close to $400,000 to cover the “soft costs” associated with architectural services, permits, legal fees, title, insurance and other necessary expenses

**Anticipated Annual Operating Cost:** $765,000

**Specifications:**
- The property was built in 1917
- Square Footage: 5,700 sq/ft prior to renovation, 6,500 sq/ft post renovation
- Lot size: Close to .5 Acres

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