



ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN THE DISTRICT

Closing DC General: Short-Term Family Housing in Ward 1

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The District of Columbia has a plan to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. We make homelessness **rare** by preventing homelessness whenever possible through early intervention. We make homelessness **brief** by modernizing our emergency shelter system and wrap around supports to help households get back on their feet as quickly as possible. And we make homelessness **nonrecurring** by investing in the affordable and permanent housing solutions we know work in the long-term. As part of our strategy to modernize our emergency shelter system, the Homeward DC plan includes a strategy to close DC General, the District's largest family shelter. It's too big, too old and geographically removed from the services that families experiencing homelessness need to get back on their feet. In order to close DC General, the Bowser Administration and the DC Council have advanced a plan to build new, dignified, Short-Term Family Housing programs in all 8 wards of the District. In Ward 1, the District will build a Short-Term Family Housing program at 2500 14th St NW. This development will also include improvements to the Rita Bright Family and Youth Center, as well as permanent supportive housing for seniors.

New Housing & Upgrades to Rita Bright Community Center

Situated on the northern end of the parcel, 2500 14th St NW will be transformed into 50 apartments with an upgraded Rita Bright Recreation Center. The plan calls for:

- **35-units of Short-Term Family Housing with programming space**, including an outdoor recreation play area, indoor play space for children of all ages, a computer lab for residents, and administrative space to provide supportive services;
- **A refreshed and upgraded Rita Bright Family and Youth Center**; and
- **15 new permanent supportive housing apartments for seniors.**

Construction Timeline

Construction is projected to begin in early 2019, and conclude in early 2020.

Community Feedback

To ensure community feedback throughout the design and construction process, the District, in partnership with ANC 1B and community stakeholders, will form an Advisory Team. The Advisory Team will share community concerns, disseminate information, and develop a Good Neighbor Agreement between the community and Short-Term Family Housing Program.

For more information on Mayor Bowser's plan to close and replace DC General, please visit <https://dmhhs.dc.gov/homewarddc> or email dmhhs@dc.gov.

