

# Agency dedicates two drug treatment houses

## Facilities target indigent men and pregnant women

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Staff writer

Catholic Family Center's Restart Substance Abuse Services dedicated two new residential drug treatment facilities — one for indigent men and one for women with pre-school aged children — on Friday, March 5.

Freedom House, 81 Barberry St., Rochester, is a six-month program that will serve up to 24 men in recovery. The program is located at St. Andrew Parish's former convent, which the Rochester church is leasing to Restart, said Carl Hatch, Restart's director.

Hannick Hall — named for CFC honorary board member and longtime social worker Mary Hannick — will house up to 18 women and seven children at 110 S. Clinton St. in Newark. The hall once housed staff workers at Newark Developmental Campus, Hatch said.

Dedication ceremonies for Freedom House took place Friday morning at St. Andrew Church, 923 Portland Ave. Hannick Hall was dedicated in a ceremony at St. Michael Church, 401 S. Main St., later that afternoon.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark and James O'Hanlon, assistant commissioner of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, took part in the ceremonies. Open houses at both facilities took place following the dedications.

The state office funded the renovation and furnished both sites for about \$880,000, Hatch reported. Freedom

House also received funding from Monroe County. The day-to-day operations at both sites will be financed primarily by the Department of Social Services, Hatch said.

Freedom House will offer educational and therapeutic programs designed to help males develop healthy lifestyles and fight their addiction. The house is the first long-term recovery center targeting such a population in the Finger Lakes region, Hatch said.

In particular, many of its clients will be men with criminal records who have learned few, if any, skills to function in society, Hatch explained. Programs will focus on the clients' criminal justice problems, vocational needs and family situations.

Unlike some recovering addicts, most of Freedom House's residents have never experienced what would be considered a proper home life. Thus, they can't set their sights on regaining a formerly productive lifestyle since they never had such a lifestyle in the first place, Hatch observed.

"A lot of the folks we're dealing with need habilitation rather than rehabilitation," he said.

Hannick Hall is modeled after Liberty Manor, a Rochester treatment facility primarily serving pregnant women and women with pre-school children.

Hannick Hall will focus on the needs of mothers who find themselves homeless or without support. The women will receive individual and group counseling; addiction education and life-skills training; instruction leading to a high school equivalency diploma; volunteer placement; as well as parenting and career planning.

Mary Hannick, 83, began her social work career in social work with the American Red Cross in Europe during



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Mary Hannick (left) and Carolyn A. Portanova, executive director of the Catholic Family Center, talk at the reception following the dedication of Hannick Hall at Newark's St. Michael Church March 5.

World War II, and was most noted for her 25 years at Rochester's Genesee Settlement House, a neighborhood-based human services organization. Hannick continues to serve on Restart's committee with the CFC's board of directors, Hatch said.

Hannick, who has been recognized by the National Association of Social Workers with a lifetime achievement award, attended the dedication ceremonies at the hall. Hatch expressed delight at her attendance.

"Far too often honors like this go to people posthumously," he said.

Freedom House will begin accepting clients this week and should be operating at full capacity in two months, Hatch said. Hannick Hall will begin accepting women and children within a month, he predicted.

### Father Mattie dies

As the *Catholic Courier* went to press on Tuesday, March 9, funeral arrangements were being planned for retired Navy chaplain Father Richard M. Mattie.

Father Mattie, 60, died suddenly Monday, March 8, 1993, in his room at the North American College in Rome, where he was taking a sabbatical.

As of March 9, diocesan officials did not yet know when Father Mattie's body would be flown back to the United States.

For the latest information on Father Mattie's funeral, call St. Ann Church in Hornell, 607/324-0410.

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