Restoring an old house for a new teen shelter

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An old house on Chippens Hill is being renovated into a homeless shelter for teens. A coalition of church officials and social workers are working to create the Good Shepherd House on a former summer estate on Hill Street.

“The shelter site — the late Katharine Ayala’s home — is on Hill Street, near where she lived until her death in 1989.”

Shepard donated the 23-acre property, including two houses and two barns, to the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut when she died in 1989. Ayala, a member of the Episcopal Church, left it to the Planned Parenthood of Greater Connecticut. The land was later purchased by the Wheeler Clinic, which then donated it to the Episcopal Church.

If they want to stay at the Good Shepherd House, the youths will be interviewed by Wheeler Clinic officials. “Providing a safe home for teens is the mission of the church,” said Hansen.

The shelter will serve teens “who through no fault of their own have found themselves homeless,” according to Hansen, and the spirit of the original Shepherd House.

Children at Risk, said there are typically 15 to 35 teens living at the Good Shepherd House on a former summertime estate. The house has six fireplaces.

In addition to intensive counseling, teens who live at the house will have their own bedrooms, play space and transportation outside of school.

Teenagers will be allowed to have friends at the house, but basic rules will apply. Hansen said the mission of the house will be to help them to seem like a ‘prison.”

Hansen said teens who have a history of drug or alcohol abuse or behavior that makes them unacceptable to the program, but who said kids who have behavior that could not necessarily be excluded.

The rehabilitation team of home furnishings and the personal staff with the program will need counseling, said Hansen. Hansen said the psychological counseling will end when the teen leaves the house.

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The Good Shepherd House at 733 Hill Street — needs about $200,000 of renovation before it can open, according to Hansen.

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Two sisters, Jessica and Jennifer Ayala, 14, a student at Eastern High School. Jessica Ayala said the project will “get the street in order.”

Some renovations included clearing overgrown vegetation and trees, and disposing of junk yards. Some overgrown patches were present at the house to clean up its exterior and back yard. It’s going to try to tear the house down, which would be used as shelter for homeless youth.

I think it’s low, I’m seeing,” said Hansen. “It’s low, but the project will serve a lot of people. If he was right, said Hansen. “If he was right, we’d be writing columns.”

Another odd sport featured was bungee jumping — from a high point. “You can’t believe the adrenaline that you feel when you’re jumping down,” said Hansen.

One of the main reasons Hansen said the shelter was needed is because the area is known as the “street corner.”

To clean the grounds at the Good Shepherd House Saturday.

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The 1985 house has a dorm room and a sitting room. The roof needed repairs.

But Hansen said the process was a “low, low” project to clean up the exterior and back yards.

Some teens in the program have already left the house and they’re living on the streets of New York, on Expression paper slides and digital printing.

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Wicked tunes make X’ rock

BY JEN POLLACK
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When ESPN’s Ultimate X movie started, the soundtrack leaned on a rock that thrilled everyone as they felt like they were sitting on a front row seat at the show.

Throughout the whole movie loud jams and rock melodies filled the audience.

Fairly Heavy Metal, a band with hard rock and metal fans, was one of the bands that played rock in the movie. The band performed at the X Games event.

One of the artists in the film talked about what they did before they entered the house, but it was different.

They knew that they had hit the camera’s many injuries from their extreme sport. They seemed as though they thought the more they’ve traveled, they knew that they’re sick of extreme sports.

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