

# Serenity House, Inc.



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A life changing residential facility for recovering  
Male alcoholic & addicts.

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## ORIGINAL FUNDING ISSUES FOR THE RECOVERY COMPLEX:

The Serenity House was completed and opened for residents in 2008. The facility's construction was fully funded by grants and donations from generous companies, foundations, individuals, and the state of Indiana. Primary fundraising began for The Recovery Complex, but it was decided to wait approximately 18 months to begin construction to ensure that the house was sustainable. By the Spring of 2010, it was clear that the sustainability plan for the Serenity House was a success. Construction began on The Recovery Complex with funds on hand from the original campaign and reliance on a confirmed pledge of \$375,000.00 from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and a pledged matching and finishing grant for \$300,000.00 from the Kresge Foundation. After an audit of the grant and much discussion, the IHCDA advised that they would now require a plan that connected the buildings to supply the funds. Architectural plans were modified in compliance with this request and re-submitted. After a delay, the Serenity House was advised that the funding was no longer available and that the specific department that had pledged the funds had been eliminated. With these funds no longer available, there were no funds for the Kresge Foundation to match. These events were unanticipated and occurred within the backdrop of the stock market crash and ensuing recession, making fundraising for the project more difficult. The Recovery Complex now stands partially completed with the foundation, shell, and roof in place and utilities run to the sight. Over the last year and a half, modifications have been made to the Board of Directors, and focus on the completion of The Recovery Complex has intensified, resulting in significant progress

Sincerely,



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