

For Immediate Release

Purchase of 13314 Detroit Avenue by Lakewood Historical Society

Lakewood, Ohio - March 19, 2018 – The Lakewood Historical Society Board of Trustees is proud to announce the purchase of 13314 Detroit Avenue, formerly Ehren Chiropractic. This historically and architecturally significant building, a substantially intact example of a mid-century modern medical building with international style influences, will house the library, archive and offices of the Historical Society. Constructed in 1959, and designed by notable architect Adelbert B. Kleine, the building was built for physicians C.W. Hahn, J.R. Sylvester, and D.N. Wood and was named the Detroit-Clarence Medical Building.

A generous gift by Ken and Kathy Haber and the Haber Family Foundation made the purchase possible. The Habers' longtime dedication to the Historical Society has fostered stability and growth, and this gift will serve to continue that stability and growth into the future.

The Historical Society has applied for local historic designation of the building, the first step in qualifying for state historic tax credits. The City of Lakewood Planning Commission has worked with the Historical Society in expediting the process to meet March deadlines set by the State of Ohio. Through this effort the Historical Society will create an example by which others might learn how a historically-eligible building can be mindfully repurposed using state historic tax credits. This will be one of the few projects in the city to take advantage of these state funds.

The Historical Society will continue to manage two of the most important historic buildings in Lakewood. The Oldest Stone House will remain a museum dedicated to early Lakewood pioneers and the development of the city, with new and attractive exhibits planned. The Nicholson House, one of Lakewood's shining jewels, will continue to be available as a rental venue for special events. It will also serve as the temporary offices of the Historical Society during renovation of 13314 Detroit Avenue, the first fully-accessible building in the over 65-year history of the Society.

The mission of the Lakewood Historical Society is to enhance the quality of life in Lakewood by offering educational programs for all ages; providing stewardship of artifacts and buildings; and advocating for our historic community.

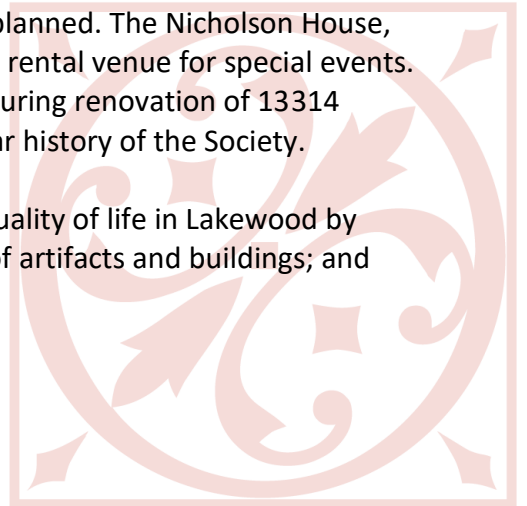
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