

## Friends For Life Building Renovations Slated for Completion This Summer

Friends For Life Corporation (FFL) has announced it will be moving into its new building in the near future.

According to projections from the architectural firm secured by FFL, Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects, the renovations of the future agency headquarters at 43 North Cleveland will be completed late this summer.

The three-story, 16,000-square foot building will consolidate all of FFL's comprehensive services, with the exception of housing and The Haven, under one roof.

This consolidation will eventually save the agency up to \$36,000 a year, which is the amount presently being paid for leasing the office building at 1384 Madison Ave.

The new building is located at 43 N. Cleveland, at the corner of Cleveland and Court in Midtown. It is on the same city block as the agency-owned apartment building and the former Aloysius Home at 28 North Claybrook, which houses most of FFL's supportive services.

The office at 1384 Madison presently contains the main administrative offices, the case management program, HIV testing, the transportation program and the food pantry.

"The need for the services provided by Friends For Life continues to grow at a dramatic rate, and we are literally bursting at the seams at both of the buildings we are



now using," said Friends for Life Executive Director Kim Moss. "No longer will clients who use the Food Pantry have to stand outside in line regardless of the weather because there is no room for them in the building.

"No longer will there be a parking problem. There are only five parking spaces in front of the current office on Madison and 10 spaces in the back of the building. A large parking lot just across the street from the new building also was part of the gift, and this lot will hold 40 to 45 vehicles."

Prior to being donated to FFL, the facility was used by a company that made prosthetic devices, Moss added.

"The building has a large parking lot as the basement floor and this 6,000-square-foot space is being renovated to be used for the

Food Pantry," the executive director explained.

"The ground floor will house the client services areas, including the Food Pantry processing area, case management, HIV testing, Positive Living Center and the Wellness University.

"The 'second floor' will be used for administrative offices. This floor has a huge room that will be used for agency meetings, board of director meetings and also will be made available to other community organizations," Moss said.

Friends For Life is the Mid-South's largest and oldest AIDS service organization.

To read about the course of events that led to the building being donated to FFL, go to the agency's Web site at [www.friendsforlifecorp.org/building.htm](http://www.friendsforlifecorp.org/building.htm).