

Welcome you to the

Walter Capling Apartments

Walter Capling Apartment Information

Designed by:

HFP/Ambuske Architects, Inc.

Building Contractor:

Hummel Construction

Number of Apartments: 11

Apartment Size: 423 ft.² each

ADA Compliant: 2 apartments

Apartment Features:

Flooring: Ceramic, Vinyl, and
Carpeting

Frost-Free Refrigerator

Electric Stove

Gas Furnace

Electric Air Conditioning

Pella Windows

Mini Blinds

Highest Standards for Fire Safety, including sprinklers, pull stations, fire alarms, strobe lights, fire extinguisher, and instant connection to local fire departments

Who Will Be Living Here?

There will be 11 single people living in the apartments. In order to be eligible, they must have a severe and persistent mental illness, be homeless, be a Portage County resident and have low income.

Residents were chosen from a waiting list of homeless people and then screened by the property management group. There are currently 30 "literally homeless" people on the CPS housing waiting list. This project will house 10 of them (the 11th resident is moving in after being moved out during the construction, so she is not homeless. She is the only exception.) There are an additional 68 people on the housing waiting list who are not homeless, but are "marginally housed" (living with others, "couch surfing", paying more than 50% of their monthly income for rent or facing eviction soon).

Rent and utilities are paid by PMHA for 5 of the units and by a combination of rental subsidies from the Ohio Department of Development and the Mental Health and Recovery Board (HAP) for another 5. One person so far has a section 8 voucher (which means that it will be subsidized by PMHA, also, but through a different program).

Who Was Walter Capling?

Walter Capling grew up in Maplewood, New Jersey and was a childhood friend of Nelson Burns, President and Chief Executive Officer of Coleman Professional Services. Later, Walter was homeless and suffering from schizophrenia in San Francisco, before his mother rescued him and brought him to Coleman's Crisis Residential Unit in Ravenna in the late 1980's. He lived in Coleman's residential apartments and a group home from 1990 until his passing in 2008. Walter suffered from chronic mental illness for over 40 years. He received a variety of mental health services during his time at Coleman. He is remembered for his intelligence and ability to be friendly to everyone.

Walter's mother, Laura S. Capling, generously provided a donation of \$167,000 from her trust to the Coleman Foundation. Her contribution helped kick-off the campaign to replace the old, run-down Franklin Apartments with this wonderful new building. Nelson Burns states, "Walter was a dear friend of mine, being close to Walter as young adolescents in Maplewood New Jersey, we went to the same church and schools together. We played for hours together as children, with chemistry sets and later in high school with chess; Walter always won. Through Walter's horrible disease of mental illness, I recognized that people can be very gifted in one way, yet have immeasurable challenges in other ways. Walter's memories will always make me feel humble and grateful for his friendship."

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Our Donors!



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There's more to do. Please help!

Each apartment requires a \$550 security deposit. Your help of either a full deposit, or a partial deposit will provide a homeless person with a chronic mental illness the resources to secure a new home here at the Walter Capling Apartments. All donations are tax deductible.

The apartment project is still in need of \$107,000 to complete the funding. Your commitment to the Touching Lives, Changing Destinies Campaign would make a difference to many.

Please contact:

Coleman Foundation, 5982 Rhodes Road, Kent, OH 44240
www.coleman-foundation.com; 330-676-6876

Then:



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