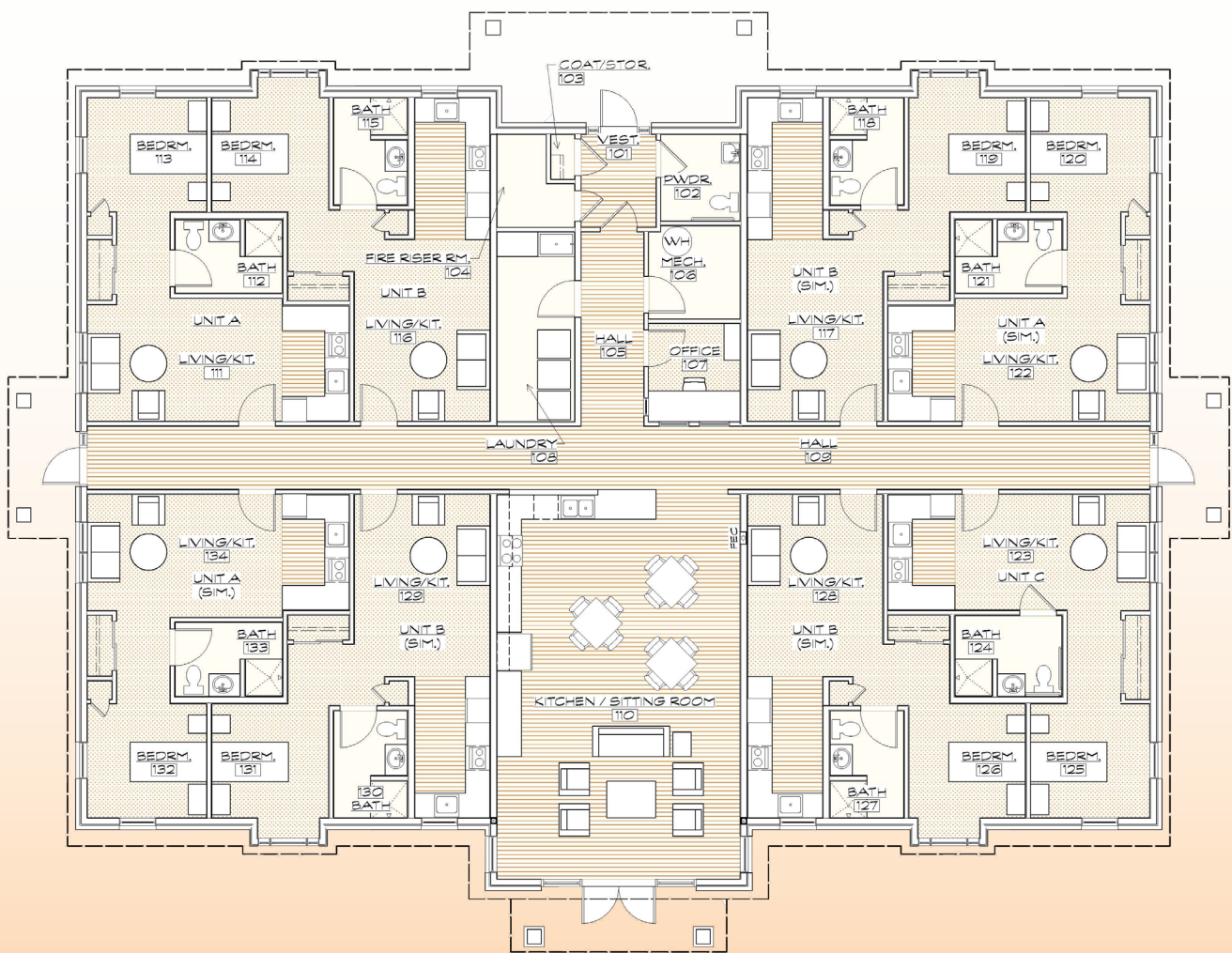




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What happens here changes lives forever.



5,300 Square Feet
Eight Efficiency Apartment Units



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Happiness House has partnered with the Golisano Foundation to construct a non-certified 5,300 square foot residence equipped with eight efficiency apartments. This home will assist us in serving five young adults with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and three young adults with developmental disabilities. This home will be transitional in nature and will serve as a catalyst in providing lifelong opportunities for individuals with disabilities as they strive toward independence within their community.

- A 5,300 square foot housing project, built upon five acres of land currently owned by Happiness House.
- Located adjacent and to the south of our current facility at 5415 County Road 30 in Canandaigua, NY.
- Eight efficiency apartments, a common living room and kitchen, laundry facilities and office space.
- Built in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, Office of People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), Department of Health (DOH) and any other applicable regulations.

There are many individuals living in Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRAs) in the Finger Lakes Region who are able to live in a more independent setting. The individuals leaving a IRA to live in the transitional home will create openings for individuals on the waiting lists who have much higher medical/physical needs.

- Up to 40 individuals will live in the transitional home over the next 10 years.
- The transitional home model is a win-win for the consumers, the community and New York State.

The purpose of this home will be to provide the skills and training necessary for the eight young adults to move into a more independent living opportunity in their community, including:

- Budgeting
- Cleaning, cooking, and laundry
- Self-medication
- Access to public transportation
- Any other skill a young adult requires to live on their own.

Project Outcomes

- Provide eight individuals with disabilities the same living opportunities as their non-disabled peers in the least restrictive environment.
- Provide a structured home environment that serves adults with TBI and young adults with disabilities.
- Increase positive life skills (social skills, independence and self-esteem) of the individuals who live there.
- Provide access to transportation for work, school and community involvement.
- Assure the new housing project is well-designed and of an appropriate scale to enhance our organization and the community as a whole.
- Maximize independent living for those who reside in the home with the goal of transitioning to an apartment in their community.