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The Dimock Center Announces \$15 Million *Building the Road to Recovery* Capital Campaign

The Yawkey Foundations Makes Lead Gift to Rebuild Detox Facility; Boston Hospitals make \$2 million contribution

ROXBURY – The Dimock Center has announced the \$15 million Capital Campaign, *Building the Road to Recovery*, to rebuild its aging detoxification facility and strengthen its comprehensive substance abuse services. The Yawkey Foundations made the lead gift of \$2.5 million to support the renovation and expansion of the Dr. Lucy Sewall Center for Acute Treatment Services located in the historic Sewall Building at The Dimock Center. The Roxbury-based community health center houses one of only two inpatient detox facilities in Boston and one of 30 in the state, offering treatment for men and women throughout the Commonwealth with substance abuse addiction. The Campaign will expand Dimock’s inpatient acute treatment beds from 30 to 40, reaching an additional 1,000 people annually for a total of 4,000 patients served each year. One of The Dimock Center’s oldest and most generous friends, The Yawkey Foundations also provided funding for the initial engineering assessment that revealed the building’s deteriorating structure.

“The Yawkey Foundations have a history of supporting the Dimock Center that dates back to the 1990s, during the years of Yawkey ownership of the Boston Red Sox. It is through this longstanding relationship that we have come to know and understand the many critical resources the Dimock provides to those in need throughout Boston,” said Jim Healey, President and Trustee of The Yawkey Foundations. “The Yawkey Foundations are proud of our commitment to The Dimock Center and believe this grant will transform and enhance Dimock’s ability to serve those struggling with addiction.”

Opioid deaths over the last five years have skyrocketed, creating a public health emergency in Massachusetts. The Dimock Center’s fit-for-purpose renovation will facilitate enhanced patient-centered care while expanding access to inpatient detox treatment beds. The new facility will also strengthen The Dimock Center’s comprehensive programs for adults in recovery, including transitional housing and outpatient services. Detox is a critical first step, vital to people’s success in maintaining long-term sobriety.

“The Yawkey Foundation’s gift for *Building the Road to Recovery* is transformative,” said Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, President and CEO of The Dimock Center. “Our number one priority is patient care, especially as we face an unprecedented substance abuse epidemic. The Dr. Lucy Sewall Center for Acute Treatment Services will help us serve more patients in a state-of-the-art facility and enhance our renowned substance abuse treatment model.”

The Dimock Center announced *Building the Road to Recovery* at its 28th annual Steppin’ Out gala in November, where Ken Casey of Boston’s Dropkick Murphys band and the Claddagh Fund committed a \$100,000 challenge gift for the campaign to stimulate giving from others. Other generous supporters of *Building the Road to Recovery* include the three major hospital networks in Boston - Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Brigham & Women's Hospital/Massachusetts General Hospital/Partners HealthCare, and Boston Medical Center - who combined have committed nearly \$2 million; The Boston Foundation; Century Bank; Coverys Charitable Foundation; Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation; the Fish Family Foundation; Genzyme; Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation; John Hancock Financial Services; Keen Charitable Foundation; Lars Family Foundation; and the 23 members of the Dimock Community Foundation Board.

About The Dimock Center:

Founded in 1862 as the New England Hospital for Women and Children, the Dimock Center heals and uplifts individuals, families, and our community. Operating on a nine-acre campus in Roxbury’s Egleston Square, The Dimock Center serves 212 communities across the state, providing comprehensive, culturally-competent Health and Community Care, Behavioral Health Services, and Child and Family Services. For more information, visit www.dimock.org.