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**The Dimock Center Receives \$2.5 Million Grant from the Yawkey Foundation to Expand Critical Addiction Treatment Services in Boston**

*Lead gift to \$18 million campaign will create Boston's first and only men's post-detox clinical stabilization services (CSS) program*

Roxbury, MA – March 14, 2023 – The Dimock Center is pleased to announce that it has received a \$2.5 million grant from the Yawkey Foundation to support the development of a new 32-bed post-detox, clinical stabilization services (CSS) unit that will serve more than 1,000 people annually who have completed inpatient detox for substance use disorder.

The grant will allow for the renovation and expansion of the historic Dr. Marie E. Zakrzewska Building, a focal point of The Dimock Center's campus, to house Boston's first post-detox clinical stabilization program for men. The building will also be renovated to accommodate The Dimock Center's existing women's clinical stabilization program. Together the 16-bed men's and 16-bed women's programs will reach more than 1,000 people annually.

"Coordinated care during the critical post-detox period is vital to helping people sustain recovery. After patients leave detox, they are particularly vulnerable to relapse unless they have adequate support services," said Dr. Charles Anderson, President and CEO of The Dimock Center. "There are currently no post-detox, clinical stabilization treatment beds for men in Boston. This grant from the Yawkey Foundation, our longstanding partner, will allow us to fill this gap and increase the likelihood of successful recovery by allowing people to stay within their community for their entire substance use treatment journey."

"The Dimock Center's unique model of providing holistic services for healing on a single campus increases the likelihood of a successful recovery with the goal of saving more lives," said Maureen H. Bleday, CEO and Trustee of the Yawkey Foundation. "The commitment to excellence and compassion with which The Dimock Center delivers a continuum of care—with dignity and respect—directly reflects the charitable values that guided Tom Yawkey and Jean Yawkey during their lifetimes, which the Trustees of the Foundation continue to honor with this gift."

The Dimock Center and the Yawkey Foundation have been partners for 25 years. The Yawkey Foundation began supporting Dimock in 1998, and since then has provided \$3.65 million in grants. Among past grants was a \$2.5 million lead gift in 2015 to renovate the Dr. Lucy Sewall Center, transforming the historic building into a state-of-the-art center of excellence for acute addiction treatment services.

To learn more or donate to the Restoring Hope Campaign to expand substance use treatment services at The Dimock Center, please visit [dimock.org/restoringhope](https://dimock.org/restoringhope).

## **Notes**

### **About The Dimock Center's substance use disorder treatment services**

In Boston, opioid-related deaths are up by 37% since 2018<sup>1</sup> and Massachusetts exceeds the national average in the rate of drug overdose deaths.<sup>2</sup>

The Dimock Center is on the front lines of the substance use epidemic, helping thousands of men and women each year on their journey to recovery. The Dimock Center currently offers counseling and addiction services, an inpatient detox center for men and women, a women's clinical stabilization services unit, and multiple residential programs for men and women.

In 2018, The Dimock Center opened the Dr. Lucy Sewall Center for Acute Treatment Services, a medically monitored detox unit for alcohol and opioid use disorders, which increased inpatient acute treatment beds from 30 to 39 beds, reaching an additional 1,000 people annually for a total annual ability to serve 4,000 people.

### **About the Yawkey Foundation**

The Yawkey Foundation is dedicated to perpetuating the philanthropic legacy of Tom Yawkey and Jean Yawkey, whose eight decades of quiet generosity supported individuals and families in the communities that were closest to their hearts, including Boston, Massachusetts, and Georgetown County, South Carolina. Having awarded more than \$530 million to date in

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<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Department of Public Health, "Number of Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, All Intents by City/Town 2015-2021," Mass.gov, December 2022, <https://www.mass.gov/doc/opioid-related-overdose-deaths-by-citytown-december-2022/download>

<sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Drug Overdose Mortality by State." CDC.gov, March 1, 2022. [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/sosmap/drug\\_poisoning\\_mortality/drug\\_poisoning.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/sosmap/drug_poisoning_mortality/drug_poisoning.htm).



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charitable grants to organizations focused on health care, education, human services, youth, and amateur athletics, arts and culture, and conservation and wildlife, the Yawkey Foundation is committed to preserving and sustaining the charitable values of the Yawkeys by investing in nonprofits that provide resources, opportunity, and dignity to the vulnerable and underserved. For more information, please visit [www.yawkeyfoundation.org](http://www.yawkeyfoundation.org) and follow the Foundation on social media @YawkeyFdns.

### **About The Dimock Center**

The Dimock Center aims to create a healthier Boston by breaking down barriers to care and correcting racial health inequities. Each year, Dimock provides high-quality health care, mental health support, and early education to over 19,000 people in our community, regardless of their ability to pay. Dimock is committed to serving Boston's most vulnerable and caring for the whole person, right where they live.

Founded in 1862, as the New England Hospital for Women and Children, The Dimock Center was the first hospital in New England opened and operated by women for women. Noted for its role in the history of women in medicine, Dimock strives to continue in the spirit of trailblazers like Dr. Marie Zakrzewska, who founded the hospital, and Mary Eliza Mahoney, the country's first Black nurse who studied there in 1879. Please visit [www.dimock.org](http://www.dimock.org) to learn more about The Dimock Center.

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