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Fairfield County Land Bank Announces Transfer of the Clarence E. Miller Building

Lancaster, Ohio - The Fairfield County Land Bank announced today that it will transfer the Clarence E. Miller Building to Habitat for Humanity of Fairfield County. The Habitat for Humanity proposal to the Land Bank included significant community support and volunteers for the project. Habitat for Humanity will share with the community details of their exciting and unique plan for the Miller Building during a special event on May 11th at 11am at the Miller Building.

The Clarence E. Miller Building was originally transferred from the Board of County Commissioners to the Land Bank on January 19, 2016, after three requests for proposals failed to produce viable options for the excess property, which once housed the County Health Department and other county agencies after it was no longer used as a county infirmary. Since January 19, 2016, the Land Bank has been accomplishing necessary maintenance of the building in partnership with Fairfield County while it reviewed proposals and options for the building.

Michael Kaper, Land Bank Executive Director, stated “We are encouraged with the transfer of the Clarence E. Miller Building to Habitat for Humanity because we believe they can repurpose the property and provide for a community benefit. They have been creative in their proposal, and they have community support to bolster their efforts.”

“Habitat for Humanity’s vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. This is accomplished, in part, through reusing, refurbishing and recycling buildings and materials,” said John Watson, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Fairfield County. “The Miller Building has a long, rich history and we are very excited for the opportunity to bring to life our unique plan to revitalize it for the benefit of the Fairfield County community.”

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