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Misericordia Assisted Living Centre: MERC building demolition

The next phase of Misericordia's path to building an affordable assisted living seniors' centre begins this week with an excavator on site to demolish the Misericordia Education and Resource Centre (MERC) building at 691 Wolseley Avenue.

Please see the attached backgrounder for more on Misericordia's exciting new housing project.

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When: TODAY: 11 a.m. Thursday, August 6, 2020

Where: Meet at north-west corner of Sherbrook Street and Wolseley Avenue

Where to park: Sherbrook loop metered parking lot (across from parkade at 25 Sherbrook St.)

Who: Interviews with Caroline DeKeyster, Misericordia's President & CEO

What: The demolition excavator will begin "clawing" at the building's exterior walls until they collapse inwards. Clean-up can take up to a month, with the majority of the materials being recycled.

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Misericordia Assisted Living Centre

Misericordia, continuing its rich history of adapting and changing to meet the needs of the communities it serves, continues to explore possibilities to expand the range of health and care services it offers Manitobans. The redevelopment of the Misericordia Education and Resource Centre (MERC) building located at 691 Wolseley Avenue is one such example. A study commissioned in 2014 determined the MERC building - originally constructed in 1961 - needed significant upgrades to mechanical, electrical and safety systems. Anticipated costs to solely address building deficiencies led Misericordia to conclude a better path forward would be to purpose-build a new facility.

Misericordia has been working on plans to replace the MERC building with an affordable assisted living seniors' housing project – a good fit with its founding Sisters' Mission of compassionate care. Plans call for development of a 10-storey apartment building composed of 97 living units. Features of the new building include a second-floor skywalk across Wolseley Avenue connecting it directly with the main health centre and ample common spaces designed to accommodate the social, recreation and dining needs of residents. The goal is to offer older adults a caring and secure residential environment designed to support independent, active and healthy living.

Over the next few months Misericordia will be working to finalize plans to further develop its proposed project. Construction is expected to start in late 2020. For more information please contact:

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