

*journey update*

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## LEADERSHIP *perspectives*

Wow! Who would've thought we'd be doing what we're doing at this stage of our lives? But with all of our hearts, we can honestly say we know God is in it and we wouldn't want to be doing anything else. To us, the thought of providing safe, stable housing and programming to women and children who otherwise live without hope, brings so much joy to our hearts and lives. We are so grateful for all of you who have come alongside us as partners in this amazing journey.

"...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness..."

Isaiah 61:3



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*Journey Update* connects you to the mission of Zeteo Community: To serve women who have been sexually exploited by providing residential programming and a supportive community in which they are free to dream and thrive.



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PROPERTY PURCHASE

ZONING & PERMITS

ALL FUNDS RAISED

MOVE-IN READY!

STRUCTURE & SITE PLANS

GROUND BREAKING

BUILDING COMPLETED

# *milestones*

# Praise & THANKS



In September, Zeteo Community received all zoning approvals necessary to begin building everything designed for the property, answering many prayers lifted throughout this past year. We received words of encouragement and approval from neighbors, city officials, and community leaders alike. Confidently, we know all your prayers offered in hope contributed to these open doors before us. We are humbled by your overwhelming support.



SITE RENDERING CONCEPT

This now leads to our next BHAG (Big Heavenly Audacious Goal)! The building costs are elaborate, and to cover every expense we are stepping into this season with faith. God said at the beginning of this journey, "I am an extravagant God, and I love these women and children." We want all participants arriving on this property to feel and experience God's extravagant love for them within every detail. To ensure the safety and confidentiality of the women we will serve from day one, all of the construction must be complete prior to anyone moving in. This means we are raising the full cost of the project this year.

Law enforcement and other local agencies remind us often of the immense need Zeteo Community is going to meet in our state and beyond. I am reminded of the verse in Matthew 9:37-38 where Jesus says to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." Will you be praying earnestly with us for wisdom, favor, and how you might be called to partner with what God is doing?



STAKED AND READY FOR SITE PREPARATION AND EXCAVATION

# TESTIFY

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS—ZETEO COMMUNITY QUICKLY BECOMING A LEADING VOICE IN MADISON.

Last month, Zeteo Community was invited to speak at the Wisconsin State Capitol. We were to give an account to state legislators disclosing personal observations we have seen in regard to human trafficking in Wisconsin. State Representative Jerry O'Connor is the chair of Wisconsin's newly developed Task Force on Human Trafficking, and we are grateful to everyone listening and responding to victims of sexual exploitation. Through prayer and preparation, we planned to share about the lack of survivor care resources in our state. We were ready to highlight gaps in training and staffing responding to human trafficking within law enforcement, and how traffickers exploit these gaps to grow their crime in our state. However, by the time our turn came to give testimony, much of what we planned had already been shared by other organizations.

As everyone had our written testimony in hand and could read for themselves our observations, Marlene felt the Holy Spirit prompting to go off script. Instead she shared how we have seen God move on behalf of survivors, displaying His heart for the victimized among us. She stood in the state capitol giving glory to God for the many miracles we have seen God perform on behalf of survivors.

Instead of a testimony focused on trafficking, testimony was given revealing God's heart and His glory. Jesus tells His disciples in Mark 13 when they stand in court to give testimony, "Don't worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit." God moved on government ground in a way no one planned or anticipated.

God had something to say on behalf of survivors, and He opened doors for His heart to be heard! Praise be to God!



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## new resource available!

We've recently produced a discreet card aimed at helping people understand the warning signs of someone being exploited. We've also set up a page on our website to connect those in danger with the help they need. This webpage will be a growing resource of trusted partners and emergency contacts. If you would like to request cards to hand out, or make them available at your organization or business, contact us today or visit [ZeteoCommunity.org/InDanger](http://ZeteoCommunity.org/InDanger)





*inviting the community into a personal partnership with a generational impact*

## REBUILDING DREAMS

The coming days will be full of God's provision in ways that will bring Him honor and praise!

We're shifting focus from planning and dreaming to vision casting—and officially kicking off the capital campaign to construct the Zeteo Community homes. We wish to approach this in God's way. Not one of wooing donors and prospects to give, but rather sharing the vision, and inviting partners to embrace what God is already doing. We're offering partnership as an opportunity to steward riches in a way that honors the Lord and redeems and rebuilds the dreams of women clinging to the hope of something better.



### PROJECT FEATURES:

- Living quarters for 16
- Art, equestrian, and horticulture therapy
- Community living spaces
- Natural acreage



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ARCHITECTURAL RENDERING: ZETEO COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOUSING



## Volunteer update

Zeteo Community provides a three-stage training program, preparing generous partners for the critical work in all program areas. More than 50 volunteers have already received training in the first two stages. Learn more about opportunities and consider joining our growing team at [ZeteoCommunity.org/Volunteer](https://ZeteoCommunity.org/Volunteer).

## Benefit 2024! upcoming event!

Our 2024 fundraising gala will be held in May! Tickets will be available soon. Keep an eye out for updates and plan to join us for an unforgettable evening of hope and inspiration. The February 2023 event was truly an evening to remember. You won't want to miss it!

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*together let's...*

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