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# Restoration of OTR Community Center Underway

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A group of volunteers are working hard this weekend as they revamp a building in Over-The-Rhine.

They spent the day on Saturday painting and restoring the building on Liberty Street as part of "Give Back Cincinnati," an all volunteer program designed to help revitalize the city.

When they're finished the building will serve as the Dirigar community center which will offer education programs for young adults as well as work and life-sills training.

"Dirigar" is Latin for "reaching out and sending a message across boundaries," according to Greg Lynch, the president of the organization.

"We brought 120 of our friends from the group," said Lynch.

"We have 1,300 plus members, and this is what we do," said Lynch. "We help revitalize Cincinnati -- make it a better place."

This project is the first phase of the Smith Family Foundation's plan to renovate the entire neighborhood block.

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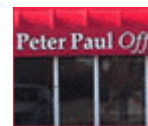


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