

Healing Place delays end of drive

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RALEIGH, N.C. -- The impact of Hurricane Katrina and the loss of some big gifts have prompted the Healing Place of Wake County to delay the opening of its new Women and Children's Healing Place from December to late spring.

The new facility, to be located on Glen Royal Road near Umstead Park, will have 88 beds and cost \$4.5 million.

The goal for the fundraising drive by the Healing Place, which raised \$4.5 million for the 180-bed men's facility off Lake Wheeler Road it opened in January 2001, totals \$10 million.

In addition to the cost of building the new women's facility, funds from the drive will cover operating costs for three years for the men's facility through 2006, and for the first year for the women's facility, plus a \$1 million endowment.

Chaired by board member Lou Mitchell, the campaign recently was told by several donors they would not be able to make \$400,000 in gifts the Healing Place had counted on.

The Healing Place also attributes to the Katrina relief efforts a shortfall of \$100,000 in its individual fundraising in September, says Allen Reep, development director.

The Healing Place provides rescue, recovery and rehabilitation services for homeless people in Wake County with alcohol and drug addictions.

Residents typically stay at the nonprofit's shelter and receive recovery treatment for eight to nine months, and then receive job-training and job and housing placement services for another year.