

UPDATE

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Thank you for your continued interest in our POD Pilot Project. We are working toward:

- 1. Our planning for "A Kzoo POD Project: A Place of Dignity" continues for the project to move forward.
- 2. Our current activities are to coordinate the delivery and a place for local storage of the pods now that LIT Solutions of Portland OR has informed us that the manufacturing process has been completed.
- 3. We have also continued the process of identifying a potential site for the project and will pivot to site planning and development when appropriate. We are not able to name any potential sites at this time.
- 4. The strategy for the project remains the same to provide temporary housing units with basic amenities and support services for Kalamazoo County's unsheltered individuals.
- 5. We've learned that we are held to timelines beyond our control...pandemics, supply chains, logistics, site availability, funding and that we must adapt and pivot but most of all keep moving forward. For now, we'll move forward to get the PODS here to Kalamazoo while we find our site. There will be much to do and months of site development once that step happens. And there will be successes and challenges in that process. Whether that takes a month, a year, or more, it is important to us that the POD project is a place for people to feel safe, supported, and sheltered from the streets.