

Kent drug treatment center expanding

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The High Watch Recovery Center in Kent is getting a facelift.

Officials from the nonprofit, residential drug and alcohol recovery center are breaking ground Thursday on a medical wing expansion that will add 5,800 square feet of space for therapeutic and nursing services as well as a conference room.

The organization is also renovating 4,300 square feet of office space in its current, historic facility on 62 Carter Road.

The organization is investing up to \$2 million in the project, which is money that was raised in a fundraising campaign.

High Watch officials said the nonprofit expanded its nursing and clinical care services in recent years, which has led to cramped quarters at its 72 bed facility.

The new expansion and renovation will add more room and privacy for patients as well as medical staff.

High Watch has been serving as a residential drug and alcohol recovery center for over 70 years. Last year, High Watch provided \$1.3 Million in free medical care.