

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your request for clarification. We appreciate the opportunity to reduce confusion and create more understanding.

As you know, I co-founded the pioneering model of a daytime full-service center for homeless and at-risk people with the late Tony Lee in 1994 named Repairers of the Breach (ROTB), creating a unique, thriving grass-roots model which in many ways succeeded, and which, supported by only private funding, grew into a premiere local nonprofit; including raising \$2.2 million to complete the building renovation. I discovered in mid-2012 that three members of the ROTB Board and one staffperson were declaring openly and publicly their plan to change the mission and vision, and even the constituency, to create a full scale employment center to be supported by state and federal money. This was very hard for me. In the emerging context, the effectiveness of my leadership was in question. Seeing the potential conflict taking shape, six Board members left. Although funders, volunteers and constituents seemed unified around the original vision, and although the organization was prospering, the other agenda seemed to prevail. Several key donors and volunteers united with me in opposition to this plan but we did not succeed.

Currently I am fully engaged in a new initiative which strengthens this city's safety net. It is the same transformational daytime sanctuary model as I helped to deliver at ROTB. Several public officials endorse the new organization as being in the best interest of the city, and its impact and base of supporters grows by the week. This includes individuals and partnerships which have followed me from before the schism plus many new connections. I have joy in bringing to the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary the same passion I brought to the previous organization.

Attorney Jacqueline Boynton says "MacCanon has always represented the best interests of the most vulnerable in the Milwaukee community. Her principled selflessness provides her leadership with integrity and fortitude."

I am grateful for the many volunteers and partnering groups who went through the schism with me and for their continuation with me in the new chapter.

My hope is that this letter brings light to whatever confusion or misinformation may have clouded things. I am willing to discuss it further.

Peace and blessing, Sister MacCanon Brown