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New home eyed for 111-year-old Tiffany stained glass window from

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(The Home for Little Wanderers)

The stained glass window. Facing the front of the building from South Huntington Avenue, the window was located on the right-hand side of the facility.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Officials plan to eventually find a new spot to display a 111-year-old Tiffany & Co.-designed circular stained glass window recently removed from the former Home for Little Wanderers' Knight Children's Center – a Jamaica Plain building developers are proposing to demolish and replace with apartments.

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The Little Wanderers nonprofit removed the historic rose window this fall as the organization vacated the building and relocated its programming, agency spokeswoman Heather MacFarlane said.

The five-foot-diameter window is about 13 years older than its former home at 161 South Huntington Ave, she said. It was put in place there when the nonprofit opened that facility in 1914.

The window was made in 1901 and installed that year at one of the organization's former locations at 202 West Newton St. in the South End.

The nonprofit's superintendent at the time, the Rev. V.A. Cooper, along with his daughter, Hattie B. Cooper, gave the ornate glass to the organization in memory of his wife and her mother, Elizabeth F.K. Cooper, according to Globe archives.

Elizabeth Cooper had worked for the agency, including as a Sunday school superintendent, assisting its efforts to aid orphans, destitute and homeless children. She died a decade before the window was created in her memory.

The colorful window depicts Jesus Christ with three children and along the top it says: "Suffer little children to come unto me."

The nonprofit's spokeswoman said she could not estimate the window's worth.

"The window was a treasured gift that we cherish and hope that future generations will enjoy," MacFarlane said in an e-mail.

"Moving the window with The Home is a tradition," she added. "The Home plans to eventually move the window to a site, such as future administrative offices in Boston, where it can be showcased and appreciated by the staff, clients and community."

The [Jamaica Plain Gazette](#) reported on organization's plans to preserve the window last week.

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To read more about the history of the Knight Children's Center and see old photos from the facility, [click here](#).

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Standing in front of the historic window, American comedian and actor Bob Hope (left) joined local ventriloquist Bob Munstedt and his sidekick, Alex Smallwood, in a show for the youngsters at the Home for Little Wanderers.

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