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THE WOMEN'S HOME

GROUNDBREAKING 2015

GOOD NEWS! WE'RE GROWING!

The Women's Home has been serving Houston women in crisis since 1957, and as our clients' needs have grown, we have grown with them. What began as an overnight shelter for women in need has expanded today to a multi-campus organization dedicated to helping women build whole lives and maintain their dignity, integrity and independence through nationally recognized best practices.

In helping women access resources for healthy, complete lives, The Women's Home has realized a growing need not only to assist the women individually, but to provide direct services for their families as well. Women and children make up the fastest growing segment of the homeless population in our country. A lack of affordable housing and supportive services such as healthcare and childcare is a major contributor to this problem.

That's why The Women's Home is proud to announce our latest expansion project: a safe, sober, supportive housing facility and a new service center, both just down the street from our Jane Cizik Garden Place complex. The new housing complex will feature 84 two- and three-bedroom apartments for families with limited income. The family complex will have on-site case managers and follow the same management style as our single-bedroom complex, Jane Cizik Garden Place. Additionally, of the 84 units, 40 apartments will be set aside for families who have faced repeated instances of homelessness. Best practices show that providing housing to at-risk families first, along with wraparound care services, helps break the pattern of housing instability.

The Women's Home is also excited to announce the construction of this new facility: our WholeLife® Service Center. It will serve families in our housing communities as well as families in the surrounding neighborhood. Our first partner, Spring Branch Community Health Center, will open a clinic at the center, which will provide family medicine, pediatric and well woman services. Working in concert with The Women's Home, the Clinic will offer substance abuse and mental health services alongside other programs.



KAREN GEORGE, PAULA PAUST,
MAYOR ANNISE PARKER AND
LARRY GEORGE

PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

After-School & Summer Enrichment for Grades K-5

- Academic Enrichment
- Fine Arts Room
- Indoor Creative Movement/Play Room
- Certified Outdoor Classroom

Adult Education & Workforce Development

- Adult Basic Education
- GED and ESL Classes
- 30-User Computer Lab and Smart Board Technology
- Job Search Training/Workforce Development
- Flexible Classroom Space (for up to 80 persons)

Family Enrichment

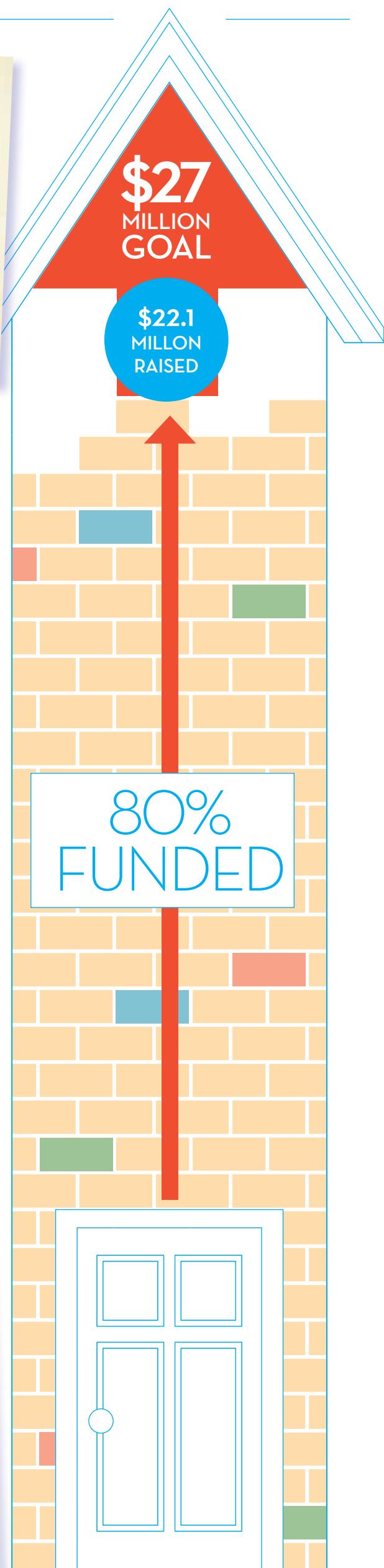
- Parenting Classes
- Nutrition Classes
- Pregnancy Prevention Classes
- Gang/Drug Use Prevention Classes
- Relapse Prevention Classes

This "Groundbreaking" edition of our newsletter is dedicated to announcing and explaining the details of this new and exciting chapter in The Women's Home history.



WHOLELIFE®
SERVICE CENTER

OUR NEWEST APARTMENT COMMUNITY



Message from the Executive Director PAULA PAUST, MSW



It is with so much pride and gratitude that I write this message. The Women's Home has embarked on its most ambitious capital project to date and we have reached 80% of our goal of \$27 million dollars. We have achieved this with a remarkable combination of private and public dollars. Thank you to Karen and Larry George, capital campaign chairs, who have successfully led this effort.

The Women's Home has a long history of providing a home and services to those most at risk in our community. Our second apartment complex in Spring Branch will offer a safe and supportive community to women and their families. Because we care deeply about the Spring Branch neighborhood

we call home, we will build a WholeLife® Service Center that will offer services to all the families in the surrounding neighborhood. Needed services were identified in our Community Needs Assessment paid for by the O'Neill Foundation.

There are so many people that have contributed to the growth of The Home. We would not be looking at an expanded future if we did not have a strong foundation. This year's gala will pay tribute to some of the individuals that have ensured our success. Joanne King Herring is always willing to share wonderful stories about the early days and her current involvement is a joy. With great enthusiasm, Adele and Ber Pieper are serving on their third capital campaign and Bette Stead is chairing her third Capital Task Force. The Cizik family's generosity created a maintenance reserve fund that keeps Jane Cizik Garden Place, our first apartment community, a beacon for what affordable housing can be. In addition to underwriting the playground in our new family housing, Kay and Rene Joyce and their years of financial commitment have helped us further develop our WholeLife® Treatment model. And Mandy Kao is setting an example for the next generation of supporters.

Thank you to new friends like Stephan Fairfield. Stephan agreed to be our co-developer on our new housing. His involvement has not only brought talent to the project like Camden Builders but also helped us receive \$11 million dollars

in tax credits. Our current campaign has also benefited from the efforts of Mayor Annise Parker who had the wisdom to endorse Houston's initiative to end homelessness. The City of Houston's Department of Housing and Community Development has contributed \$3.5 million to our project. And in an effort to support the Mayor's initiative, Houston Endowment has provided \$1.5 million to help us serve families who have experienced episodes of homelessness.

For both these public and private dollars, neighborhood support is essential. I am very proud of the goodwill we have developed in Spring Branch and we could not do it alone. Jo Lightsey, president of the Old Spring Branch Civic Association, and Bart Harris, president of Spring Branch East Super Neighborhood, have introduced us to our neighbors and have always been willing to write that needed support letter. Blanca Reyes, principal at Treasure Forest Elementary School, is introducing us to her families and helping us design after-school and summer school enrichment programs to meet the needs of her students. The children who will call our apartment community home will attend Treasure Forest.

Hats off to our collaborating partners who will offer services in our WholeLife® Service Center! The Women's Home has a long history of partnering with other organizations in order to benefit our clients. We know we cannot meet all the needs that vulnerable populations bring to us, but we can help families who are at

risk and families who have experienced homelessness. The need for healthcare is great. Spring Branch Community Health Center will offer pediatric care, well woman services, family medicine, behavioral health services and more. I am excited that the YMCA will manage the after-school and summer school program. Nature Explorer staff will train teachers to utilize our certified outdoor classroom and agencies like DePelchin Children's Center will offer therapeutic play. These partners are only a few that will help us ensure that our new community thrives.

There are so many people I would like to thank and there is always a risk in singling people out that someone will be forgotten. However, I would like to recognize Brenda White, president of the Board of Directors, and Karen Redden, past president of the board, for their leadership in promoting the growth of The Home. Kay Walther, current board member and capital campaign financial advisor, has been invaluable in ensuring the financial foundation of our project. Special thanks to Jeanie Kilroy Wilson and Tom McMahan who have gone above and beyond to make personal appeals for funding. And I am grateful to all the staff of The Women's Home who have helped create a model program that helps restore lives.

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COLLABORATING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

The Women's Home is partnering with other local organizations to provide services through the WholeLife® Service Center. One of the major components of the service center, the healthcare clinic, will be operated and staffed by Spring Branch Community Health Center (SBCHC), a private nonprofit that opened in 2003 to provide quality affordable healthcare to underserved members of the Spring Branch community. The WholeLife Service Center location will be the fourth Federally Qualified Health Center that SBCHC operates in the Spring Branch community. Forwarding their mission to provide accessible healthcare to families in the Spring Branch neighborhood.

"SBCHC continues to see a growing need for access to quality and affordable healthcare services within the Spring Branch neighborhood. By adding another clinic in Spring Branch, we hope to reduce health disparities by increasing access to primary healthcare services that will be offered to all residents regardless of their social and economic status," says Marlen Trujillo, CEO of SBCHC. The clinic provides services including family medicine, pediatric care and OB/GYN care, as well as behavioral health services. The clinic will also have on-site laboratory, vaccination and ultrasound capacities.

The Women's Home is excited to work with Spring Branch Community Health Center to better serve the needs of our clients and the Spring Branch neighborhood.



Spring Branch
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Healthy Families. Healthy Community.

WORKING WITH THE YMCA

Aside from the Federally Qualified Healthcare Clinic, one of the other major programs for The Women's Home WholeLife® Service Center is our afterschool enrichment services for elementary school students. The Women's Home is partnering with the YMCA to provide this service. The YMCA's afterschool care program operates nationwide with over 200 afterschool sites in Houston, where they provide after school enrichment for grade school children that supports students' in-class curriculum while letting them learn creatively.

"In order to expand services throughout the Greater Houston community, it is important to identify collaborative opportunities, which have a mission to give back within our local neighborhoods. Joining with the Women's Home allows us an opportunity to serve their families, as well as the Spring Branch community. As a community organization, we currently serve 26 school districts with over 8,500 kids involved in after school programs daily, with another 5,000 kids per day enrolled in summer camp. YMCA programs offer youth an opportunity to experience both recreational and educational activities, which address the achievement gap needs of our students and help to reduce summer learning loss. During our program, youth will experience both self-guided as well as teacher led projects and learning centers that focus on 21st Century Skills such as STEAM, literacy, college and career readiness, service to others as well as physical activity, sports and games. We are looking forward to the opportunity to expand our mission, deepen our engagement and strengthen the families in this Spring Branch service area." Vice President of Programs, Shawn Borzelleri.

The afterschool enrichment program at the WholeLife Service center will include snacks for student, homework assistance and educational support, music and movement classes, an expressive art room as well as time in our certified outdoor classroom. The program provides children the opportunity to socialize, play and learn under the supervision of trained caregivers until parents pick them up after work. The program is executed by several regional directors throughout the city who coordinate with onsite directors that oversee the caregivers and work with volunteers at each location. YMCA after School Care programs are licensed by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Child Care Licensing Division and are ahead of national guidelines, with a care giver to student ratio of 1 to 15. The YMCA partners with other organizations such as Depelchin Children's Center and The Children's Museum to provide quality afterschool services informed by best practices.

We've been involved with The Women's Home a long time. We wanted to give money to the playground because we think children should have a chance in life. They need a nice place to live and they certainly need a playground.

- Kay Joyce

The Women's Home has clearly demonstrated their ability to improve a neighborhood. Jane Cizik Garden Place is beautiful – exquisitely designed and maintained. The residents live up to the image and comport themselves well. There is no reason to expect that Phase II residents would be otherwise.

- Martha Macris, Executive Director, Memorial Assistance Ministries

Through the programs of The Women's Home, individuals who otherwise would face challenging obstacles to success are able to enjoy affordable housing in a supportive environment, where life skills that lead to independence and problem-solving are taught and nurtured. Theirs is a stellar initiative in the arena of life transformation and recovery.

- Tammy Heinrich, Assistant Pastor, Terrace United Methodist Church

I applaud your plans to build a WholeLife® Service Center where Spring Branch Community Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center, will locate one of their clinics. I appreciate the fact that you have sought my advice specifically about the after-school and summer school enrichment programs the center will offer. Your plans to add other services such as classes in parenting skills, substance abuse prevention and workforce development will help ensure that all our families prosper. I endorse your plans to build more family housing and a service center that will serve our local community. I look forward to collaborating with you as we work towards the betterment of our neighborhood.

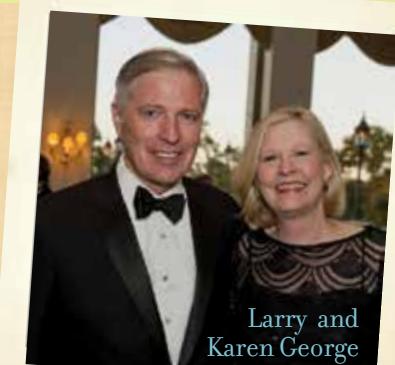
- Blanca I. Reyes, Principal, Treasure Forest Elementary School

Speaking Up in Support

I was overjoyed when the Spring Branch neighborhood supported the construction of the original 87-unit Jane Cizik Garden Place and was pleased to help secure federal funding to make this project a reality. It has been a model for how we can address women and children in need of housing. As a member of the Advisory Board of The Women's Home, I have continued to monitor their progress as they have helped women gain a new lease on life with their intense training programs for self-sufficiency. I have been pleased that the HCDD (Housing and Community Development Department) of the City has worked closely with The Women's Home on a second phase and that this again has been embraced by the Super Neighborhood Council and the Old Spring Branch Civic Association.

- Gordon Quan

Chairing the Campaign



Larry and Karen George

President-Elect Karen George has been a member of The Women's Home Board of Directors for seven years.

She joined the board after another longtime supporter, Adele Pieper, inspired her to get more involved with The Home's work. Because Karen is passionate about women's issues, our mission of supporting the recovery and return to independence of women in crisis was a natural draw. She was also impressed by the organization's financial stability, committed staff and strong governing body, which make her proud to serve on the board.

The search for a committed and effective chair for our capital campaign in support of our expansion project naturally led to Karen. "When Paula asked me, I couldn't turn her down. I had chaired the development committee for a number of years, and the capital campaign seemed like a natural extension," Karen says. Karen, who has enjoyed a long career as an associate with Ralph S. O'Connor & Associates, has extensive experience working on capital campaigns for other organizations. She has asked her husband, Larry, to join her over the years and has found his support of her community work invaluable. This was to be no exception.

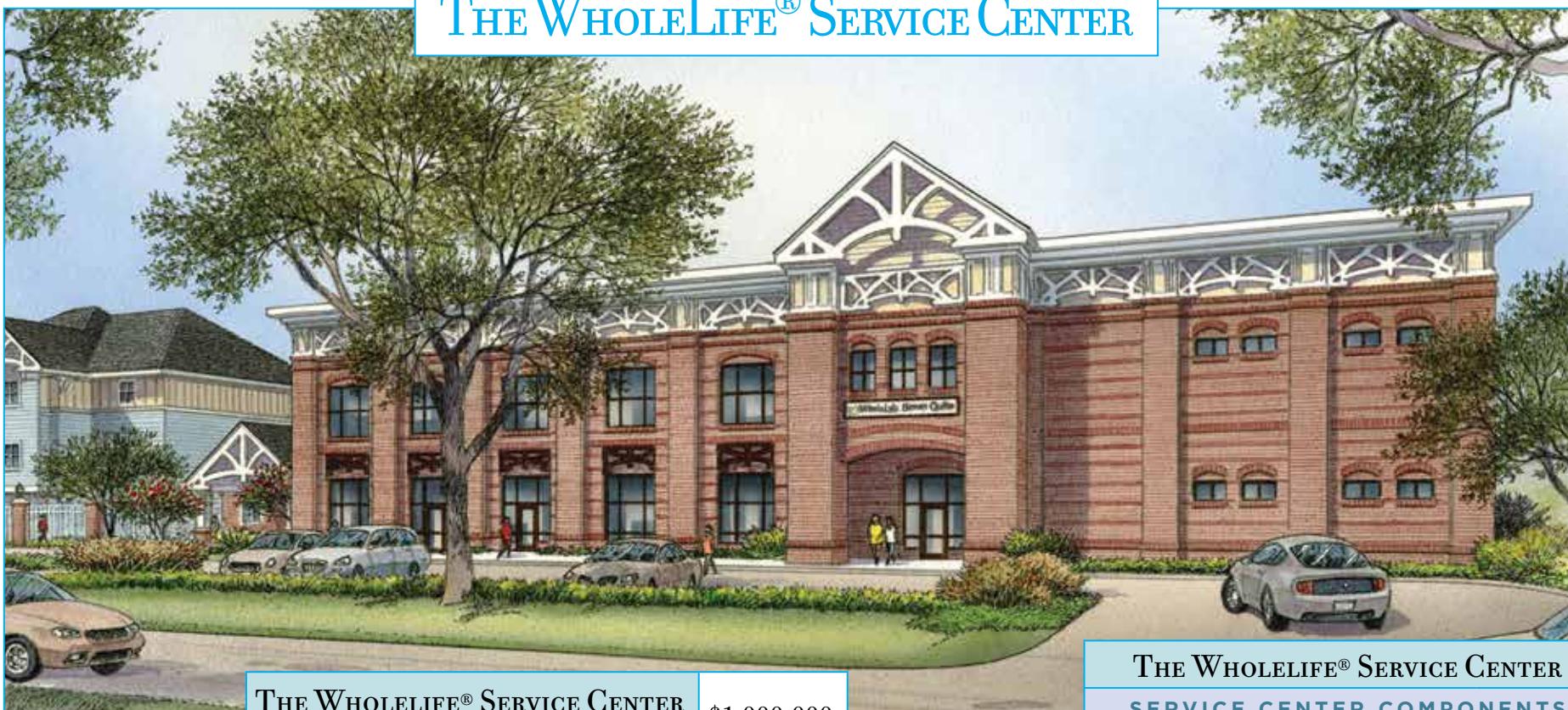
Karen also admits that she enjoys the idea of a challenge, and this campaign certainly offered a chance to rise to the occasion. As chairs of the campaign, the Georges were among those at the forefront when The Home worked to gain City Council approval for the family housing complex in order to qualify for tax credit funding. "The slow pace of fundraising can be a challenge," Karen notes. "It would be wonderful if everyone you wrote or met with gave you an immediate answer, but of course it doesn't work that way. It is often months between submitting a request to a foundation and receiving a response." But the wait sometimes has a wonderful payoff. "It's a thrill every time we get a big gift," she exclaims.

NAMING GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

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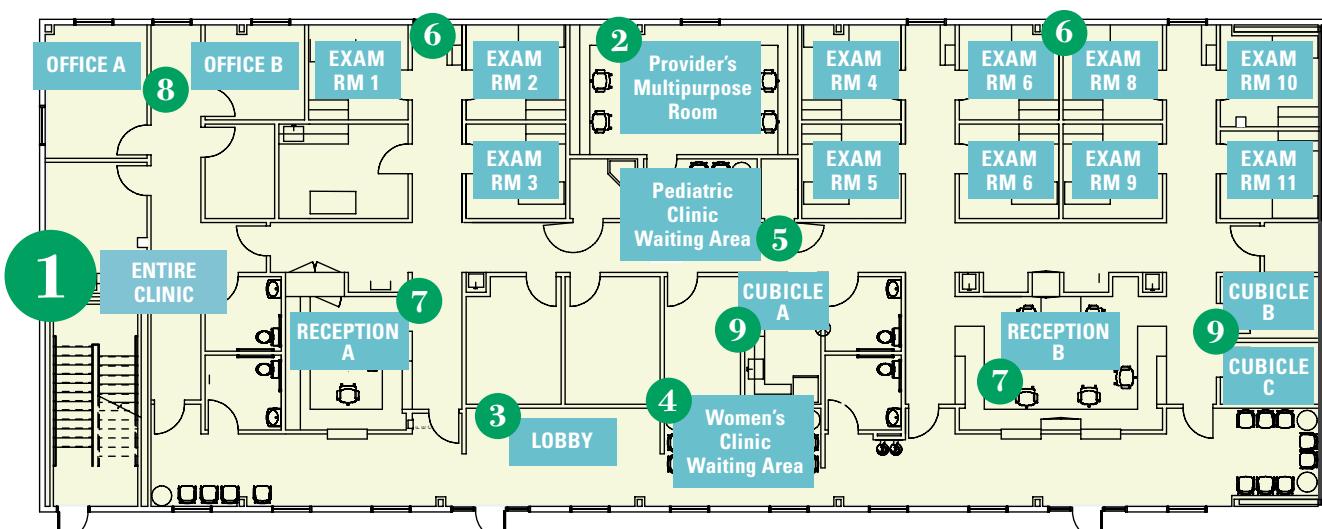
All donors making gifts of \$10,000 and more will receive prominent recognition on a commemorative wall in the lobby, in addition to plaques positioned in the chosen area.

THE WHOLELIFE® SERVICE CENTER



THE WHOLELIFE® SERVICE CENTER
(Entire Building) AVAILABLE

\$1,000,000



THE WHOLELIFE® SERVICE CENTER

SERVICE CENTER COMPONENTS

1	Medical Clinic (1st Floor) AVAILABLE	\$500,000
2	Multi-purpose Room & Coffee bar <i>(Carolyn J. Keating)</i>	\$100,000
3	Lobby <i>(The Robert and Jane Cizik Foundation)</i>	\$100,000
4	OB/Women's Clinic Waiting Area AVAILABLE	\$75,000
5	Pediatric Clinic Waiting Area <i>(Laura and Brad McWilliams)</i>	\$75,000
6	Exam Rooms 1 - 10 <i>(Trini and O.C. Mendenhall Foundation ExRm. 1, William S. and Lora Jean Kilroy Foundation ExRm. 2, 9 remain available)</i>	\$50,000 ea.
7	Reception (A - B) - AVAILABLE	\$35,000 ea.
8	Offices (A - B) - AVAILABLE	\$25,000 ea.
9	Cubical (A - C) - AVAILABLE	\$15,000 ea.

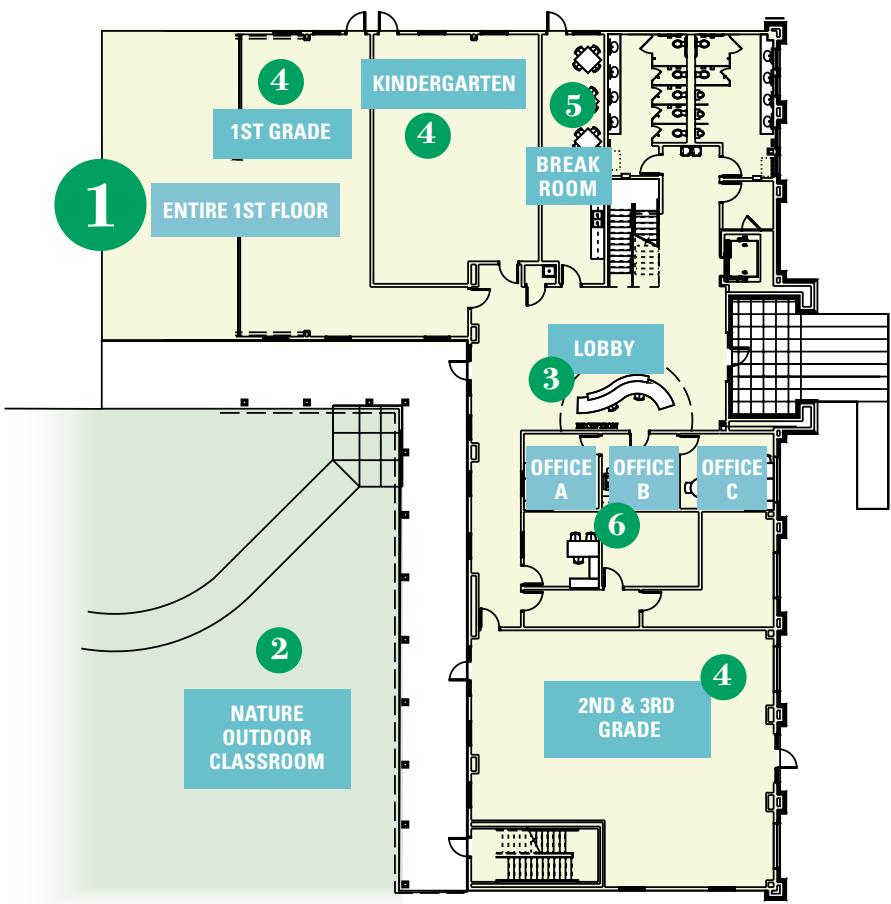
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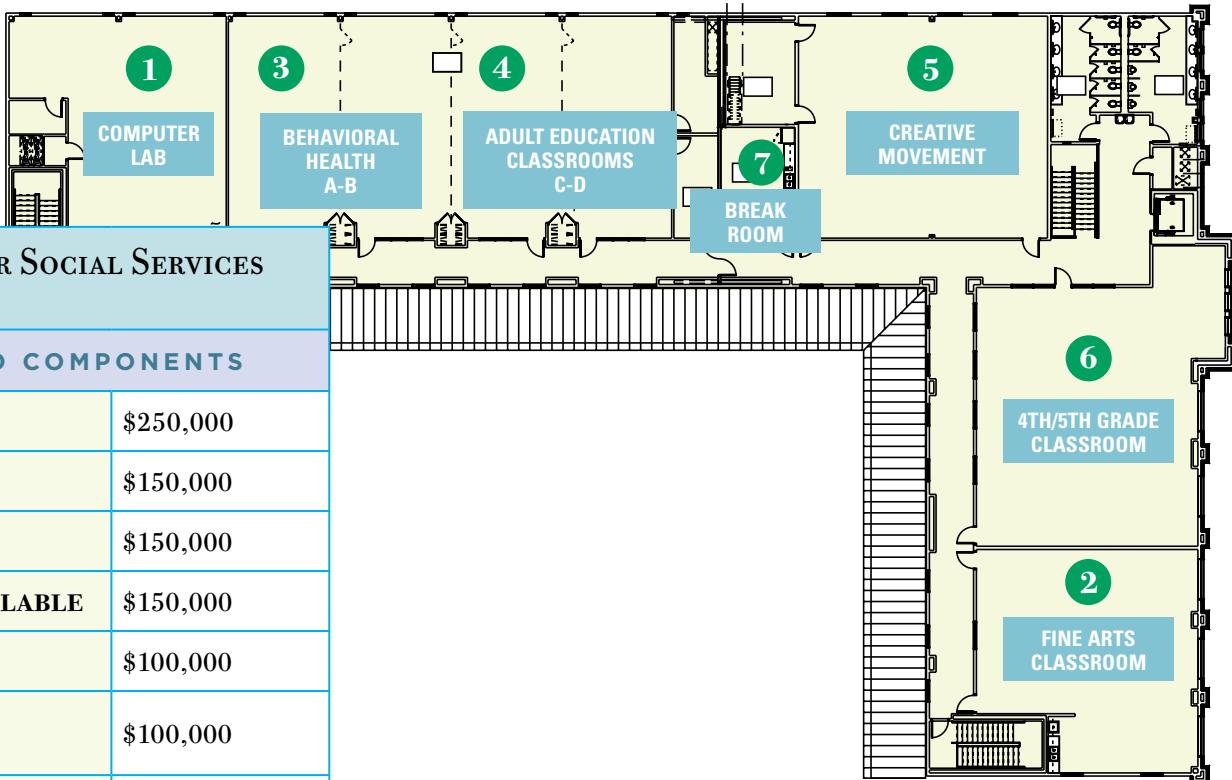
THE HOUSING FACILITY
(Entire Building) AVAILABLE

\$1,000,000

THE WHOLELIFE® SERVICE CENTER



1	THE WHOLELIFE® SERVICE CENTER AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMMING (Entire 1st Floor)	\$500,000
SERVICE CENTER LEVEL ONE COMPONENTS		
2	Nature Outdoor Classroom - AVAILABLE	\$250,000
3	Lobby and Reception Area <i>(William S. and Lora Jean Kilroy Foundation)</i>	\$150,000
4	Classrooms : Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd/3rd Grade - AVAILABLE	\$100,000 Each
5	Break Room - AVAILABLE	\$35,000
6	Offices (A - C) <i>(Office A - Karen and Larry George, Office B - Karen Redden)</i>	\$25,000 Each

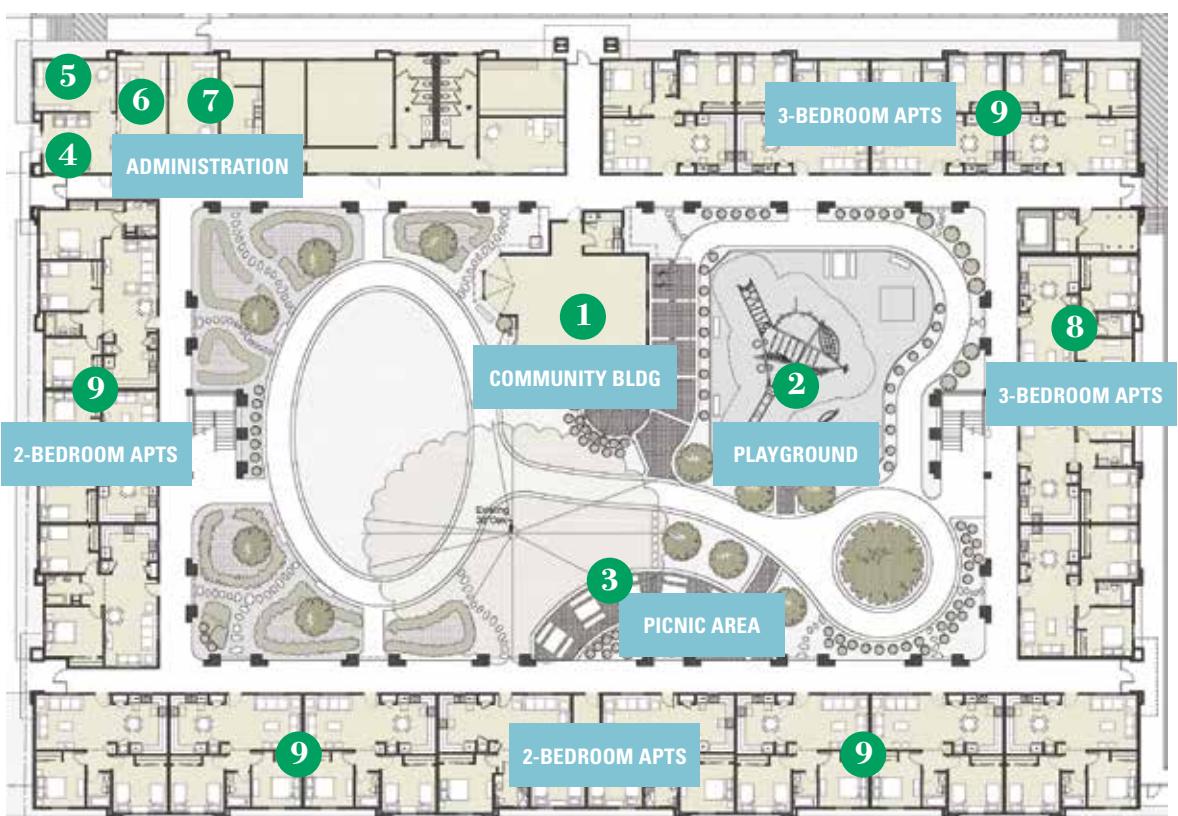


THE WHOLELIFE® SERVICE CENTER SOCIAL SERVICES (2nd Floor)

SERVICE CENTER LEVEL TWO COMPONENTS		
1	Computer Lab - AVAILABLE	\$250,000
2	Fine Arts (<i>Sarah B. Nesbitt</i>)	\$150,000
3	Behavioral Health (A-B)	\$150,000
4	Adult Education Classrooms (C - D) - AVAILABLE	\$150,000
5	Creative Movement - AVAILABLE	\$100,000
6	4th/5th Grade Classroom	\$100,000
7	Break Room (<i>Irene Liberatos & Michael Westergren</i>)	\$25,000

THE HOUSING FACILITY

1	Community Building - AVAILABLE	\$500,000
2	Children's Playground (<i>The Joyce Family Foundation in honor of Rene' and Rose Rita Joyce Steve and Mary Frances Polasek</i>)	\$250,000
3	Picnic Area <i>(The Charles and Melissa Davis Foundation)</i>	\$100,000
ADMINISTRATIONS		
4	Lobby and Waiting Area (A) - AVAILABLE	\$100,000
5	Property Manager Office (B) - AVAILABLE	\$35,000
6	Courtesy Officer Office (C) - AVAILABLE	\$25,000
7	Case Manager Offices (D - E) <i>(Office D-Bette Ann Stead in Memory of Emma Genevieve (DeForest) Stead & E-Mr. & Mrs. Tony F. Gilbert)</i>	\$25,000 Each
APARTMENTS		
8	3-bedrooms (4 only - 1 per floor) - AVAILABLE	\$100,000 Each
9	2-bedrooms (80) - AVAILABLE	\$75,000 Each



Our History

CELEBRATING NEARLY 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HOUSTON WOMEN

Humble Beginnings 1957-1964

After seeking aid from a Houston area rescue mission for men at a time when no such facilities existed for women, a young woman named Mary Brown is referred to local church and community leader Mrs. Laura Sampson. Struck by Mary's need and the lack of available resources for women like her, Mrs. Sampson welcomes Mary into her own home and begins planning with her friends to create a place where women like Mary can heal and rebuild their lives. Property is rented at 2914 LaBranch, and the Women's Christian Mission, as The Home is then called, opens its doors to women in need.



Laura Sampson

Prominent Houstonian Joanne King Herring begins working in earnest to raise needed funding for The Mission's first expansion, the purchase of a residence in a nearby neighborhood. The Women's Home Auxiliary, the predecessor to our Partnership and Young Professionals groups, is formed in 1963 to provide volunteer and financial support to The Home.

What's a Tax Credit?

Tax credits were enacted in 1986 under the Ronald Reagan administration to provide the private market with an incentive to invest in affordable housing. Federal housing tax credits are awarded to developers of qualified projects, who then sell these credits to investors to raise capital for their projects; this reduces the amount of money that the developer would otherwise have to borrow or fundraise. Today the application for tax credits is highly competitive. Developers have the option of applying for a 4% tax credit or for the more stringent 9% tax credit. Applicants must already be suppliers of supportive housing. They are judged based on the performance of their other housing locations, the quality and size of their proposed project, what services the new project will provide, and whether the proposed project has the support of the community surrounding the selected location. Applications are ranked and selected after multiple criteria are weighed.

We are happy to report that The Women's Home was one of the organizations approved for a 9% tax credit on our latest expansion project. Because this higher tax credit reduces the amount of money we need to raise for our housing community, we in turn can offer lower, more affordable rents.

Our partners in this venture are the developer Covenant Community Capital, led by Stephan Fairfield, the investor Amegy Bank and the intermediary Hudson Capital Investors.

This exciting housing tax credit award is a testament to The Home's dedication to our clients and to providing them the best facilities and services. It also reflects the overwhelming confidence and support of our local community for our mission and our delivery of programs. In exchange for this tax credit, through the first 20 years of the new buildings' operations, our new complex will be subject to meeting stringent tax credit housing standards, and 40 of our 84 apartments will be dedicated to housing families who have a history of homelessness.

Reaching Out and Moving Forward 1965-1989



First Cottage Shop

As the years go by, The Mission continues to expand as its program, and the need for its services, grows. Lot by lot, property is purchased to create a residential campus in the Montrose neighborhood. A cottage and lot adjacent to the residence is purchased and becomes the first location of The Cottage Thrift Shop, now called The Cottage Shop.



Barbara Woodard

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Work is completed on the current dormitory – a comfortable, home-like facility accommodating 26 women.



The Women's Home purchases a commercial building at 607 Westheimer. The first floor houses The Cottage Shop, with administrative offices and daytime client services located on the second floor.



607 Westheimer

Mayor Annise Parker Brings Homelessness to Policy Forefront



Mayor Annise Parker made ending chronic homelessness one of her administration's initiatives. When Houston was identified as a priority city for such efforts because it had one of the largest homeless populations per capita in the nation. With that designation came the availability of funding from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In 2012, Mayor Parker and the Houston Housing Authority announced a two-year plan to create 1,000 units of permanent housing for homeless Houstonians. This strategy included

constructing new apartments with supportive services as well as providing support for existing properties that met federal housing quality standards.

The Mayor's leadership on this issue has been informed by nationwide public policies and organizations that are working to end the struggles of those facing homelessness. Organizations like the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH), co-founded by Susan G. Baker, an honorary member of The Women's Home Board of Directors, have been bolstered by the rise in public attention given to the challenges that homeless populations face and the emergence of best practices in combating homelessness. The NAEH works throughout the country to analyze federal and local public policies, collaborating with public, private and nonprofit organizations to create the most effective policies and programs. With the backing of dedicated policymakers and organizations, nonprofit agencies can then design and implement the needed housing and services.

In response to Mayor Parker's initiative to end homelessness in the greater Houston area, The Women's Home launched our \$27 million capital campaign at the end of 2013. Our campaign was created to fund an exciting expansion of our facilities including the construction of a new apartment community designed for families, with particular attention to those having a history of repeated homelessness, and a WholeLife® Service Center. This latest expansion project would not have been possible without the efforts of Mayor Parker's office and the attention she has brought to homelessness in Houston.

Serving Body, Mind and Spirit: The Beginnings of WholeLife® 1992-2009



Barbara's House

Paula Paust becomes executive director. Paust develops a model of care for the agency that expands the focus of The Home's rehabilitation program to include Emotional/Mental, Physical, Spiritual, Social and Fiscal wellness. This treatment, informed by contemporary best practices, evolves into our WholeLife® Program. In addition, she strengthens the financial position of The Home and its collaborative practices to prepare for growth.

Barbara's House, named to honor former Executive Director Barbara Woodard, is built to provide a home for six additional women.



The Women's Home begins a capital campaign for an expansion project aimed at providing the facilities necessary to become a nationally recognized model for residential rehabilitation. The expansion allows The Home to purchase the last remaining lot on the residential block and complete its campus, which now includes the dormitory, Barbara's House and three new transitional homes, all centered around The Home's chapel.

The expansion also allows The Home to improve our clinical, vocational and administrative facilities. The Home now owns two commercial buildings. The building at 607 Westheimer houses administration, admissions and volunteer services. The second building, at 811 Westheimer, is known as the Life Learning Center and accommodates the clinical and vocational programs, as well as The Cottage Shop.



811 Westheimer

In November 2010, The Women's Home completes construction. The Jane Cizik Garden Place (JCGP), named after longtime volunteer and donor Jane Cizik. This apartment complex consists of 87 one-bedroom apartments dedicated to providing a permanent, safe, sober living environment for those with limited income. Also on campus are community spaces including a computer lab, a fitness room and a meditation room, as well as a large multipurpose room with views into the garden courtyard, a labyrinth (for walking meditation) and administrative offices. Case management, provided by two full-time staff, and enrichment programming are available to residents.



JCGP Courtyard

Reaching Out and Moving Forward 2010-2015

In December 2010, the Board of Directors completed and authorized a strategic plan to purchase an acre of land adjacent to JCGP and next to an acre where The Home owns a small commercial building and large warehouse. These properties offer many possibilities to build on the strengths of The Women's Home.

The Women's Home launches a \$27 million capital campaign to develop a unique, affordable community in which women and their families can thrive. Will include an 84-unit apartment complex with two- and three-bedroom units for women and their families, and a WholeLife® Service Center.



2010



2015
The Women's Home breaks ground and begins construction on our WholeLife® Service Center and affordable housing complex for families. With a \$3.5 million investment from the City of Houston, we have raised 80% of our campaign goal.



Paula Paust and Mayor Annise Parker

DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY

Covenant Community Capital CEO Stephan Fairfield serves as an advisory board member of The Women's Home. A Harvard and Baylor graduate, Stephan grew up in home construction, his father's company being one of the largest homebuilders in Houston. Stephan began Covenant Community Capital after working for 12 years as the Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation's founding director; the corporation constructed over 700 housing units in Stephan's time working there. Today Covenant Community Capital is dedicated to helping low income working families through services such as financial literacy courses and smart savings programs, and the development of several affordable housing complexes.

Stephan's long career in housing development and his support of The Home and our mission as an advisory board member, made him an ideal advisor for developing our new facilities. Covenant Community Capital's role as our developer on the current project was to help The Home position itself to be awarded tax credits. The Women's Home is one of the first nonprofits his company has guided through this process.

Stephan's faith in The Home's commitment to serving low-income families through our new facilities is one of the major reasons his organization agreed to act as our developer. Stephan had helped advise The Women's Home during the construction of our first supportive housing facility, Jane Cizik Garden Place, and our exemplary work assisting residents there gave him confidence in our abilities to serve women and their families with further developments.

Thanks go to Covenant Community Capital and Stephan Fairfield for supporting The Women's Home's latest

expansion project and serving as our developer.



NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT

An important step in building supportive housing is gaining the backing of the surrounding neighborhood. The Women's Home could not have successfully built Jane Cizik Garden Place without the backing of the Spring Branch community, and our new facilities wouldn't be possible without the community behind us this time as well. An integral part of joining the Spring Branch community was gaining the trust of leaders like Spring Branch East Super Neighborhood Council President Bart Harris and Old Spring Branch Civic Association President Jo Lightsey.

The Home's dedication to serving women in crisis and our commitment to providing not only safe and stable housing, but also a beautiful, well-maintained environment won over the Spring Branch community. Today, that same dedication and commitment to quality ensured the continued backing of our new housing and WholeLife® Service Center projects by neighborhood leaders Bart and Jo.

Bart affirmed this sentiment in a recent letter of support when he wrote, "We do know that The Women's Home is committed to serving their residents and the surrounding community. We applaud their plans to also build a service center that will house a Federally Qualified Healthcare Clinic...and offer after/summer school enrichment services and workforce development." Jo, who served as a member of our capital campaign's steering committee for this latest expansion, believes the new apartment complex and WholeLife® Service Center will continue to improve the surrounding community. "The Old Spring Branch Civic Association has had a positive relationship with The Women's Home for at least five years. I, as President of the Association, signed a letter of support for Jane Cizik Garden Place. We are pleased that the complex is well maintained, and the residents are good neighbors. We believe your facility has improved the land values and safety on Jacquelyn Street," Jo wrote in a letter in favor of our planned facilities.

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