



### **What is the history of this site?**

Constructed in 1957, the two-story renovation site was originally the chapel and gymnasium for the La Salette Missionaries, who operated a seminary in Jefferson City from the late 1940's to the early 1970's. After the seminary closed, the building was purchased by the Jefferson City Housing Authority, who sublet the building to various entities in the ensuing years, including a senior center, recreation center, and community theatre. In 2019 the Housing Authority requested proposals for redevelopment of the building and selected Catholic Charities' plans for a health and social services center to meet the needs of area residents. A \$200,000 grant from the SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Foundation made it possible for Catholic Charities purchase and take possession of the building and adjoining property of 2.19 acres on January 1, 2020.

The building is largely in its original state. The last major upgrades were made in 1983, when an elevator was installed. The building requires major renovation and remodeling in order to bring it up to today's standards and codes.

### **Why is a new home for Catholic Charities needed?**

Our renovation project will transform this historic community building into a health and social services center, located in a neighborhood with one of the highest poverty rates in Mid-Missouri. Residents of the project site neighborhoods (Census Tract 106) are more likely to live in poverty, receive public assistance, have a disability, and identify as a minority than other Cole County residents:

- 12.5% of households have an annual income under \$10,000
- The childhood poverty rate is 38%
- 18% of seniors and 20% of all residents live in poverty
- 15% of residents have a disability
- 17% of residents receive SNAP (food stamp) benefits
- 15% of residents lack vehicle access

Census tract 106 is a food desert, defined by the USDA, where a significant portion of the population is low income, lacks access to a grocery store within one-half mile, and lacks access to a vehicle.

While Catholic Charities is focused on the needs of residents in the immediate vicinity of the new service center, services will not be limited to those households. The population of Cole County is 76,740. 8,400 county residents are food-insecure, 48% of whom are not eligible for federal nutrition programs like SNAP (Feeding America, 2020). The adult diabetes rate in Cole County is 11%, and the obesity rate is 36%, higher than in both Missouri and the US (County Health Rankings, 2020).

Finally, Catholic Charities aims to directly impact children and youth in the project site neighborhoods and Cole County, who are particularly impacted by poverty and food insecurity. In 2019, 58% of Jefferson City Public School District students and 50% of Cole County students were enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program, higher than the Missouri state average (Missouri Department of Education, 2019). The child food insecurity rate in Cole County is 16.1%, and 37% of food-insecure children are not eligible for federal nutrition programs like SNAP (Feeding America, 2020).

**Where will this building be located?**

The address is 1015 Edmonds Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

**When will the building be complete?**

The renovation began with demolition on November 9, 2020 and the estimated timeline for the renovation is 9 months with the following phases:

Site Construction: 11/2020 – 8/2021

Building Demolition: 11/2020 – 2/2021

New and Renovation Construction: 11/2020 – 8/2021

**What will the layout and composition of the building be?**

The renovation portion of the project is 11,500 square feet. The project also includes a two-story addition to the building totaling 4,500 square feet.

**Why Catholic Charities? How is it different from other service providers in the area?**

Catholic Charities has helped thousands of Mid-Missouri residents since our founding in 2011. We believe in providing individuals with resources and tools to increase self-sufficiency and break the cycle of poverty, a social determinant of health. We empower individuals with knowledge and provide supports for positive change.

By locating our new center in the heart of the community to be served, we are able to address existing barriers to accessing essential services, including the lack of transportation among local residents, the dispersion of services throughout the city and county, and the lack of evening and weekend hours for essential services needed to accommodate working individuals and families. Our integrated approach to health and social services will increase access to health and support services, reduce food insecurity, improve health literacy, prevent and manage chronic diseases, and address social determinants of health among participants.

Our renovation will feature:

A modern, client-choice food pantry in partnership with The Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri that will serve 2,500 Cole County residents and distribute 585,000 lbs. of food in its first year. The pantry will provide regularly available fresh produce, meats, and dairy products. Our client-choice food pantry model is a best practice, empowering participants and preserving individual dignity. Participants choose from various options, receive as much food as needed, and visit the pantry as often as desired. Moreover, the pantry will fill large gaps in existing services by offering extended evening and weekend hours to accommodate working individuals and families. Evening and weekend hours are generally not available at existing food pantries in Jefferson City. We are also committed to decreasing barriers to access by offering online ordering and delivery services for participants with transportation barriers.

A community wellness clinic with universal use rooms and classroom space at CCCNMO's renovated headquarters. Examples of possible health services include: acute and preventative care, management of chronic diseases, gastrointestinal and musculoskeletal care, psychiatric services, and dermatologic services. Community collaborations

to facilitate services include, but are not limited to SSM St. Mary’s, Capitol Region Medical Center, the Cole County Health Department, the Community Health Center of Central Missouri, the Faith-Based Nursing Network of Catholic Charities, and the Lincoln University Nursing Program.

Mental Health Screening, Referral, and Support Services: CCCNMO will collaborate with local partners (SSM Medical Group, Community Health Center, Compass Health, National Alliance on Mental Illness, etc.) using existing programs, and the universal use exam rooms and community classroom space, to implement: behavioral health screening tool/survey to assess current clients and refer to services as appropriate, Mental Health education sessions including Mental Health First Aid (trainer already on CCCNMO staff), NAMI Family to Family, NAMI Homefront in partnership with NAMI; and offer community classroom space to local Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and other behavioral and substance use disorder support groups for meetings and trainings.

**Are there naming opportunities or donor recognition?**

Yes, there are naming and donor recognition opportunities associated with this campaign. Contact us if you are interested in establishing your legacy while transforming the lives of those in need within our community through a naming opportunity. Through a generous challenge grant by the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, gifts will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$750,000. Donor recognition levels:

Visionary	\$1,000,000+
Benefactor	\$500,000 – \$999,999
Guardian	\$250,000 – \$499,999
Leader	\$100,000 – \$249,999
Steward	\$50,000 – \$99,999
Partner	\$25,000 – \$49,999
Advocate	\$10,000 – \$24,999
Supporter	\$5,000 – \$9,999
Patron	\$1,000 – \$4,999

**How do I give to the campaign?**

Donations may be made payable to “CCCNMO” and mailed to P.O. Box 104626 Jefferson City, MO 65110 or online at [www.cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give](http://www.cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give). Additionally, gifts of stock may be made.

**Are gifts tax-deductible?**

Yes! Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. All gifts are tax deductible.

