



Community *Family Center*

Building Today for a Strong Tomorrow

## The Community Family Center at a Glance

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### WHO

• The Community Family Center, Inc., a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization, will serve children and adults who live or work in Highland Park-Highwood. The center will house five existing early childhood and family service agencies that collectively have provided over 200 years of outstanding service. Participating agencies are Family Network; Family Service: Prevention, Education & Counseling; Highland Park Community Nursery School & Day Care Center; Highland Park-Highwood Home Child Care Association; and Tri-Con Child Care Center. As the needs of the community have grown, the space and quality of facilities for each agency have not been able to meet those needs.

### WHAT

- A 38,375 square-foot expanded and totally renovated building
- LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified

### WHERE

- In the heart of downtown Highland Park
- 1850 Green Bay Road (former Karger Center)
- Between Sunset Park and the Lake County Health Clinic

### WHY

- **There is a tremendous need for affordable services:**
  - 22% of students in North Shore School District 112 are Latino and from low income homes (ISBE Report Card)
  - Approximately 1,100 families in Highland Park-Highwood earn less than \$40,000 (ESRI Population Data)
  - 48% of families with children under six in Highland Park-Highwood are two-parent working families (Census)
  - Current infant and toddler child care capacity meets less than half of the need (IFF Survey)
- **There are many benefits of an integrated service site:**
  - Agencies work together more effectively and efficiently and participants have access to seamless services
  - Quality early childhood and parent education programs help lay the groundwork for children's success
  - Counseling and family support networks promote healthier and more productive individuals and families



### WHAT WILL BE THERE

The Community Family Center will be a model of comprehensive human services:

- **Counseling Services** – child, adult, senior, couple and family counseling; employee assistance programs
- **Community Services** – English as a Second Language classes, consultation and training, community education
- **Early Childhood and Children's Services** – preschool, child care, summer camp, home visiting for new parents, baby and me program, before and after school care, home child care network and provider training
- **Family Support** – prenatal and parenting education, drop-in program, referrals to community resources

### HOW MANY WILL BE SERVED

- 4,400 participants from 2,200 households, including 1,600 children and 2,800 adults annually
- Child care provided for an additional 103 infants, toddlers and preschoolers, for a total of 268 slots
- More than 100 employees, many are bilingual (Spanish/English)

### HOW MUCH WILL IT COST AND WHY

- \$11.1 million for construction plus \$4.5 million for operations and maintenance of the building
- The building will meet all life safety and child care center licensing requirements

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