A NEW VISION for the BRAD Center and Life Skills Programs

FUTURES NEW PROGRAM FACILITY

THE BRAD CENTER BUILDING HISTORY

- Built in 1887
- 1957 – Purchased by the Blaisdell Foundation and operated as a special school serving children with disabilities.
- Futures started in one room of the Blaisdell Foundation School in 1968. (8 students, 2 staff)
- 1992 – The Blaisdell Foundation donated the building to Futures to house the BRAD Center

THE BRAD CENTER

- The building at 150 Kennedy Street has served the organization and the BRAD Center participants and staff for 30 Years.
- Provided services to over 75 people with disabilities.

DINING AREA IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR SIZE OF PROGRAM

MOST ROOMS, PARTICULARLY BATHROOMS ARE TOO SMALL

NO OFF STREET PARKING FOR LOADING & UNLOADING OUR INDIVIDUALS

DRAFTY, OUTDATED WINDOWS CAUSE HEATING ISSUES IN THE WINTER MONTHS

THE NEEDS OF OUR BRAD CENTER POPULATION WILL BE BETTER SERVED IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION

Building is dated and not as accessible as desired.

Roof needs replaced, electric and plumbing issues, furnace needs replaced, some floors not level.

The current building location, layout and available space are not conducive for “best Practice” service delivery with our population.

LIFE SKILLS

- Life Skills Services have been provided in our facility for approximately 35 years.
- Over the years there have been changes to the program space, but it is in need of an update.
- The "Program Model" has also gone through a number of updates since its inception and will also benefit from an update.

LIFE SKILLS

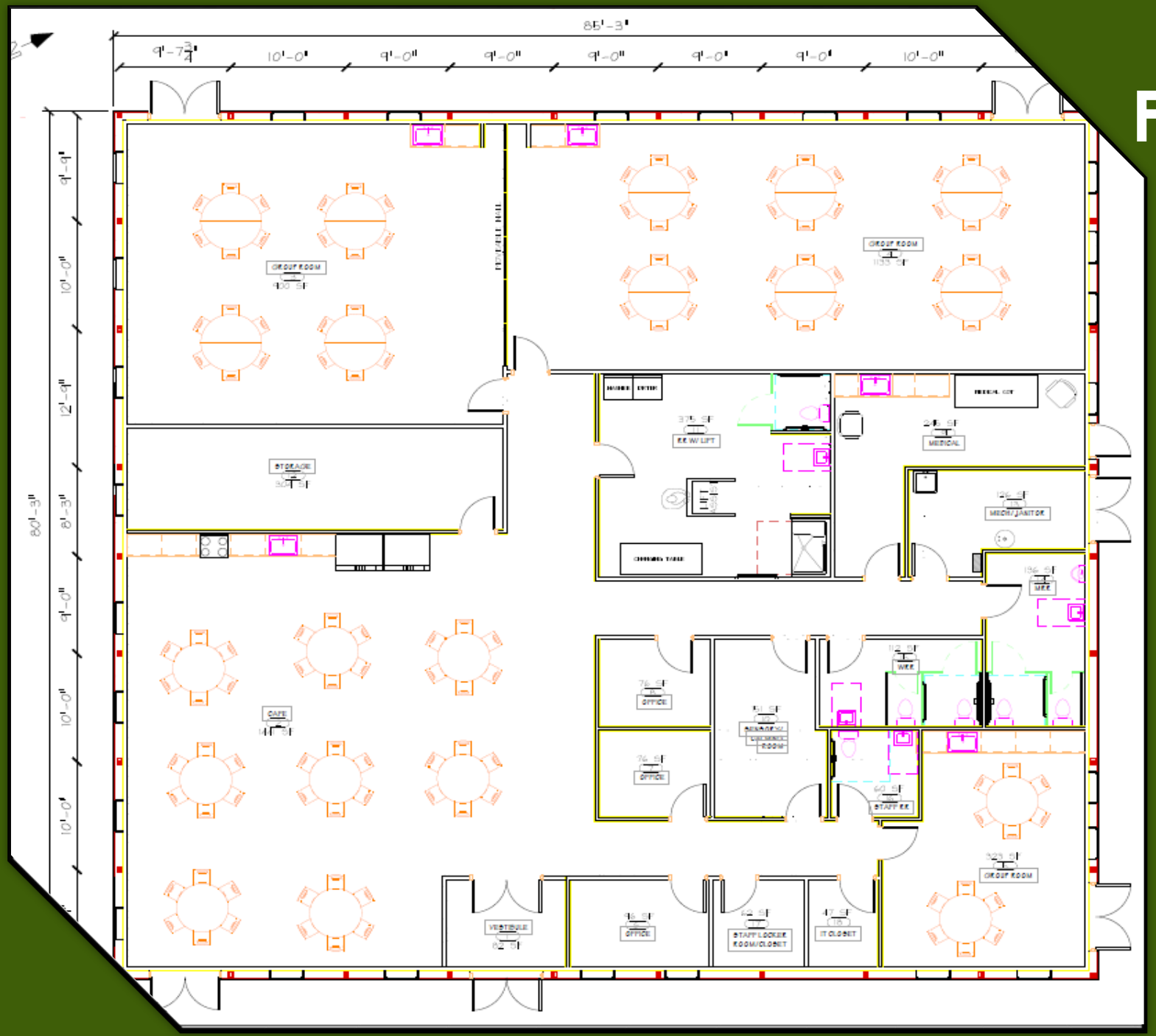
- Services provided at 1 Futures Way on the 2nd floor
- Fire Evacuation is a concern (Shelter in Place)
- Multiple participants with ambulatory issues
- Many Life Skills participants will benefit by moving to a 1st floor program facility

AN "AGING POPULATION"

- Both the BRAD Center and Life Skills Programs
- Seeking Dual Licensure through the Department of Aging as an "Older Adult Day Living Center"
- Currently Licensed as an "Adult Training Facility (ATF)" through The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)

THE DREAM

- Build a new program facility to accommodate the BRAD Center and Life Skills Programs



Function Over Form

Building design is oriented toward:

- Safety
- Service Delivery
- Energy Efficiency

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- Participant and Staff Safety
- Updated Facility / Improved Service Delivery
- First floor setting / Open Layout
- Proximity to One Futures Way
- Off Street Parking
- Covered Loading and Unloading
- Energy Efficient
- Capacity to meet other community needs (Older Adult Care)
- Improved visibility in the community (Showing our Brand)

MOVING TOWARDS OUR DREAM – MILESTONE PROGRESS

1. Property Acquisition
   - 615 E. Main St. (Complete)
   - Adjacent property for E. Main Access (In Progress)
   - “Limestone Street” (In Progress)
2. Discuss Project with Stakeholders and consider input / feedback (Complete)
3. Develop Funding Strategy (Complete)
4. Secure Contractor and Vendor Bids (Complete)
5. Construction (In Progress)
   - The groundbreaking took place on 10/31/22. The Construction phase to last approximately 12 months.
6. Develop a plan for the 150 Kennedy Street Building (In Progress)
   - Responsibility to the community
7. Equipment / Materials Purchasing for New Facility
   - Initial list created
   - Grants (In Progress)