

Spanish Community Center

Vision for the future



As the programs and services of the Spanish Community Center have evolved over the past four decades this trend must continue if we are to meet the needs of our community and the families that live and work in our neighborhoods. To do this we need to grow our programs based upon needs and enhance our service delivery based upon changing demands.

A major goal of our Board of Directors is to become a true community center. We first need to initiate and then expand a community education array of workshops, seminars, and informational sessions on a variety of topics. Next, we need to create and expand access to technology and the internet. We then need to open our facilities to outside groups and neighborhood families. Hopefully, the Friends of the Spanish Community Center can help us cover the added new costs of these programs and services.

One of the first projects we would like to undertake is the creation of a new 0 through 2 year old classroom. Many families need day care assistance after six weeks or six months and, to keep jobs, they can not wait until their newborn is older. We need to be responsive to the needs of our community. Renovating the day care lobby is an alternative or additional project.

The Board cannot be a good steward of the Center without preparing for the physical needs of the facility. Our building is more than 120 years old. We must expect problems with our facilities. We also need to address the issue of building accessibility and the needs for more restrooms. Also, in the near future we need to redo our telephone system and computer network. A portfolio of building maintenance projects needs to be developed and communicated to donors.

On the service end we need to create a short term scholarship fund for families that cannot afford our day care tuition rates. We need to greatly expand our job training and employment initiatives. The entire region is in dire need of Spanish speaking counselors. We want to be part of the solution here as well. We also need to create workstations whereby community residents can access career exploration and job readiness resources. People in the neighborhoods having jobs is the basic key to the economic vitality of the area.