



Heartspring



EXPANDING POSSIBILITIES

HEARTSPRING CAMPUS EXPANSION PROJECT

Competitive Integrated Employment & Music Building



COMPETITIVE INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT AND MUSIC BUILDING

The number of students served in our school has more than doubled while the number of classrooms available to students has not. To meet the needs of children with special needs and their families, Heartspring needs more space. Currently, we have eight classrooms available to our students. With the addition of our tenth group home, we need additional classrooms. We have three rooms that house our state-of-the-art Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) program and our music program. While we need more classroom space, these programs are invaluable to our students' enrichment and preparation for life after Heartspring. Children build vocational skills through classroom work, school-based internships and community-based internships. Our music program provides an outlet for our students to express themselves and learn in a new way.

To add the additional space we need and also keep these two programs running, we've added a second phase to our building project--the construction of a CIE/music addition. We will construct a 5,153 sq.ft. building to address the specific needs of both programs. The programs will define the space instead of the space defining them. In CIE, this will enable us to create an environment that closely models the work conditions the students will see later in life setting them up for a path to greater independence. This addition will allow us to keep up with the need for and quality of our services. The entire addition with furniture will cost \$990,000.



CIE & MUSIC OVERVIEW

Since opening our new campus in 1998, the number of children we serve has more than doubled. To meet the needs of children and their families, Heartspring needs more space. We plan to move our Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) program and music program into a building created specifically for them, opening up three classrooms so we can help more families.

Building specifically designed for Competitive Integrated Employment and Music

- The current music and CIE spaces are former classrooms we've repurposed. The construction of an additional 5,174 sq. ft. building allows us to design the structure for the specific needs of each program.
- The CIE area is modeled like a typical workplace with multiple work areas as well as a break room. This allows students to learn the unwritten workplace social rules and generalize skills in different settings.
- The space has its own bathrooms and alternative rooms for the convenience and safety of students.

Open up more space for classrooms

- The expansion will open three classrooms to create capacity for up to 30 new students to meet our current and perceived future space needs.
- The additional classrooms also allow us to organize our students to meet state requirements. We'll be able to create better alignment between group homes and classrooms to create consistency for the students and to limit the number of meetings for employees resulting in more time spent in the homes and with the students.

Help meet the need for job training

- In order for our students to compete in the workforce, they must find what work they enjoy and excel in. The CIE program gives students this opportunity through classroom work, school-based internships and community-based internships.

Construction timeline: eight months