

HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

- 1. The sponsoring representative's first name: Kathy
- 2. The sponsoring representative's last name: Schmaltz
- 3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.

 n/a

4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:

Jackson Interfaith Shelter

5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:

414 S. Blackstone St, Jackson MI 49201

- 6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity: 305 Wesley St, Jackson MI 49201
- 7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:

Kathy Schmaltz - HD 46

8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution. Jackson Interfaith Shelter (JIS) was established in 1974 after the founder, Bev Garges, learned that a man froze to death on the streets of Jackson. Appalled this was happening in her own city, she rallied the businesses, churches, and all willing in the community to ensure tragedies like this would not continue. The original JIS mission to provide emergency food and shelter continues but has also greatly expanded to provide case management and other essential resources to work towards stable housing and holistic wellbeing. Along with a shelter facility that has 76 beds for men, women and children,

Jackson Interfaith Shelter also owns and operates 14 rental units in the same neighborhood that provide transitional housing out of the shelter, as well as the programmatic facility for their incredible partner agency, MyPlace. Additionally, beyond meals for those staying at the shelter, JIS also provides three prepared meals a day, 365 days a year to anyone in need, whether or not they are currently experiencing homelessness.

A significant need to enhance the care of those residing at JIS is creating a separate space for families. Currently single men, single women as well as parents with their children all reside under one roof. The needs of a single mom with three small children, an elderly veteran with mobility concerns and a younger individual working on substance use recovery vary greatly. The family shelter will increase the safety and support they can offer to families by providing a separate space for them to work toward their unique goals. As families are moved to the new family shelter, increased bed space will be made available at the current shelter for single women in need to find stability and wrap around support.

With currently unoccupied property owned by JIS, they will construct a shelter that is utilized solely by family units, whether that be two parents or single parents with their children. This update will allow the current facility to transition into a shelter just for single adults, enhance the number of beds available to single individuals seeking emergency shelter and allow for more targeted care for the unique challenges each individual or family may be facing. Additionally, the addition of an outbuilding with overflow capacity for community members during extreme winter weather events will ensure this full project prioritizes the safety for families while caring for all vulnerable members of the Jackson community. With the new family shelter located on the same property as the current shelter, efficiencies will be created for meal services, staff care, as well as meeting and event space. This project has been in the planning stages for the last few years, and board members have regularly conversed about the expanding needs, the best way to meet those needs, and proactively acquired property to allow for necessary programmatic expansion.

The project will serve traditional and non-traditional families experiencing homelessness in Jackson. They will be able to access the same and expanded services as the main shelter. Additionally, the on-site and close proximity partnerships with the Welcome Home Organization, Altering Outcomes and MyPlace will allow families to access 24/7 daycare services, job opportunities with transportation, and housing and supportive service options for at risk youth.

A separate family shelter is an essential next step for the Jackson community. There is a lot of research on why this model is most effective for families experiencing homelessness. Additionally, a recent tragedy in Detroit further highlights why additional space and expanded support for the most vulnerable is vital for the health of our communities.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item. 1000000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

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["State","Local","Private"]
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12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors? Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

o Thomas Hunsdorfer, President o Pete Postma, Vice President o Glen Reed, Treasurer and Finance Chair o Carolyn Duncan, Governance Chair o Jill Raymond, Secretary o Cherie Good o Jason Engle o Fred Delos-Santos o Shawna Tello o Andy Weeks

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

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Fall 2025 – Spring 2027
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19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate." Yes

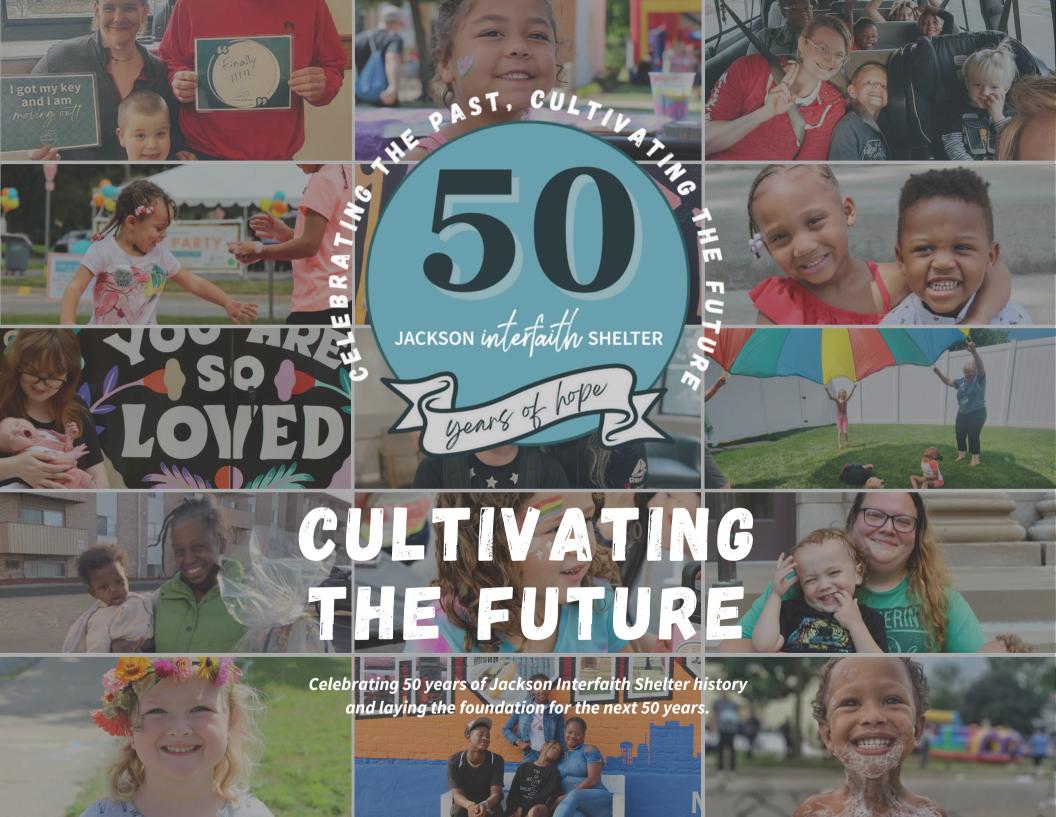


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Jackson Interfaith Shelter was founded by Beverly Garges, a devout Catholic lay woman, in 1974. When she saw men struggling with alcoholism and living on the streets of Jackson, she was compelled to take action. She spent time providing food and clothing and building relationships with her new friends, some of whom were living under a downtown bridge. One cold winter evening, she was grieved to learn of a man freezing to death on the streets. Brokenhearted and angered by the thought of this happening in her own city, Bev knew she had to do more. Bev went to work pulling together the churches, businesses and community members of Jackson to create



a place of respite for the men on the street. Bev worked tirelessly to convince skeptical Jackson officials of the need for a shelter, located a building, negotiated short-term free rent, and secured material support from community members.

In November of 1974, a former store at 436 E. Michigan Ave. became the first location of Jackson Interfaith Shelter. The connections Bev made kept the shelter running 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In 1978, as shelter operations expanded, Bev made an offer on our current facility, the church building (formerly Church of God) at 414 S. Blackstone St. With only 77 cents in the bank at the time, she relied on the generosity of her community to raise the \$3,000 down payment, receiving the last \$300 just hours before closing on the building.

Since Bev's initial vision was brought into being, Jackson Interfaith Shelter has grown from a small storefront shelter and soup kitchen for 10 men to a 76-bed shelter and resource center for men, women, and families. Additionally, our services have expanded to include providing housing in more than a dozen rental units in the shelter neighborhood and serving nearly 90,000 meals annually to shelter residents and other community members.

ANNUAL IMPACT



mental health needs



26 Veterans





340 Men 232 Women 110 Children



55% White 30% Black 15% Multi-raced





Jackson Interfaith Shelter / State of Michigan Average

	Length of Stay	Positive Destination Rate	Recidivism Rate
Jackson Interfaith Shelter	42 nights	69.45%	4.24%
State of Michigan	69 nights	28.32%	14.06%

Time Period: 10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

In August 2019, the Jackson Interfaith Shelter experienced its first executive leadership change in 37 years, and the Board of Directors was fortunate to find Steve Castle to serve as the new CEO. We were gratified to partner with Steve to build upon our agency's strong foundation and faith-based heritage while also analyzing opportunities to enhance the care we provide and modernize our facilities. Initial steps included the creation of a mission statement and establishing clear core values, renovating and enhancing residential spaces, and providing more resources for staff and volunteer development. Following these first, and most basic changes, we turned our attention to facility renovations that have upgraded almost every space inside—and outside—of the shelter, transforming it into a place that communicates hope, dignity and peace to all who come through our doors.

With each update, our goal was to create a facility that goes beyond "good enough for the homeless" to a true place of holistic transformation. And now, building on 50 years of faith, hard work, and incredible support from our donors and partners, we're ready to take the next step to enhance the level of care we offer to those we serve, especially our families. We're excited and humbled by the opportunity before us, and we look forward to expanding the resources we can offer to the most vulnerable members of our community.

- JACKSON INTERFAITH SHELTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"SEEKING TO PUT GOD'S LOVE INTO ACTION, JACKSON INTERFAITH SHELTER PROVIDES TEMPORARY SHELTER AND OTHER ESSENTIAL RESOURCES TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR POVERTY."

At Jackson Interfaith Shelter, we believe in the transformative power of holistic wellness. We are blessed to partner with dozens of community partners to support the physical, mental, spiritual, and financial sides of a person, in addition to their need of permanent housing. Our partners include, but are not limited to, the following organizations and classes:

American 1 Credit Union Financial Wellness & Mobile Unit

Big Brothers, Big Sisters Programming

College & Career Access Center

Community Action Agency Housing Screenings & Financial Wellness

Dinner Church

Dr. Palmer Chiropractic Care

Drive Staffing Job Fairs

Ella Sharp Museum Field Trips

Fatherhood Class with Bibles & Burgers

"Few Do" Employability with Jim

Home of New Vision HIV/HCV Testing

Jackson College Blood Pressure Screenings

Jackson District Library

Jackson School of the Arts

Jaxon's Playhouse Field Trips

Kids Club with Jana

Kids Explosion with Together We Can Make a Difference

Life Success Class

LifeWays Community Mental Health Coping Skills

Lions Club Vision Screenings

Love, INC Birth Certificate Support

Marketplace Manna Client Workshops

Mental Health Youth Programming with Christy

Mindfulness and Yoga with Deb

MSU Extension Classes

New Client Orientation

Parenting Class by Corey from Family Service and Children's Aid

Parenting with Love and Logic Class with CPCAN

Pet Therapy with Jackson County Animal Shelter & Cascades Humane Society

Recovery Support

Secretary of State Mobile Unit

Simple Steps Nutrition Class with Laura

Smiles on Wheels Dental Care

WellWise Services Area on Aging

Wolverine Street Medicine Footcare

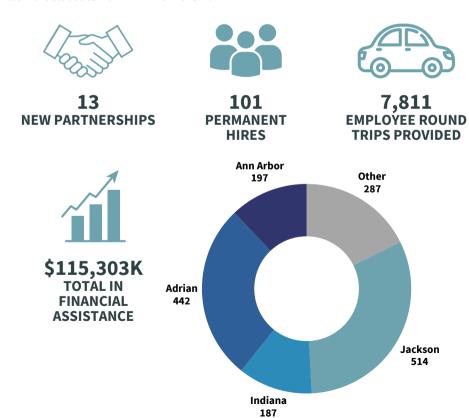
YMCA Memberships



Every Thursday morning, DRiVE Staffing Solutions hosts a job fair at Jackson Interfaith Shelter. This partnership was established in the fall of 2022, and has since provided hundreds of jobs for shelter clients and community members looking for employment. The DRiVE team makes this process seamless. A person can complete intake on Wednesday, attend the job fair on Thursday, and start work the following Monday. Along with other benefits, they are offered transportation to and from work, which is typically a significant barrier to permanent employment.

In addition to the Jackson Interfaith Shelter partnership, DRiVE Staffing Solutions works with other shelters to expand their impact and support both employers in the manufacturing sector, and individuals seeking employment.

Below are statistics from DRiVE for 2023-2024.



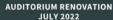
NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES















MEN'S RESTROOM RENOVATION **FALL 2022**

PURCHASE OF A VAN





DORM FLOORING **FEBRUARY 2024**

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MEETING THE NEED

RECENT DATA:

In 2023, we served 64 families which included 110 children.

In 2022, we served 57 families which included 106 children.

Every week, we receive calls from numerous women and families we are unable to help due to lack of space.

CURRENT CHALLENGES:



Family units typically require a longer stay than single adults. Besides the challenge of finding a job, saving money and searching for housing, a family has the added responsibility of securing childcare, healthcare, schooling, etc. While searching for housing, if the family requires more than two bedrooms to sufficiently house their family, the search becomes more difficult because rentals with three or more bedrooms are often much harder to find.



Housing families and single females in the same wing offers its own unique challenges. This can include relational altercations between parents and single adults, varied schedules based on the needs of everyone involved, and even the potential trauma a single female might experience if she has children but is unable to have them with her at the shelter or is currently navigating custody challenges.



While we intentionally keep our family units together for the sake of the children, having dads in the same wing as single females who may have experienced domestic violence can contribute to additional trauma.



It is not uncommon to house upwards of 10 families, which could comprise of over 30 parents and children. During these times, the number of single women we can house is extremely limited. Weekly, we have over 10 inquiries from single females who we are unable to accommodate due to a lack of available beds.



We provide classes, services, case management, and general support to all who stay at our shelter. Families often can benefit from services targeted to their specific needs, and also often operate on a different daily schedule and weekly structure than single adults do. Finding time and space to meet the unique needs of our families and singles is often challenging.









A SEPARATE FAMILY SHELTER WILL OFFER:

More appropriate sleeping arrangements for family units. We will be able to better accommodate unique family situations.

The space and staffing to support families through targeted classes, services, childcare support and case management.

Kitchenette space for parents to learn how to prepare meals, rather than relying solely on shelter-provided meals.

Increased bed availability, along with a more comfortable

living space, for single women at our main shelter building.

Overall, this new build will **increase our total sheltering capacity** from 76 to 120+.

EXPERT RESEARCH ON WHY THIS MODEL IS NEEDED:

From the National Library of Medicine, "Understanding Mechanisms Driving Family Homeless Shelter Use and Child Mental Health":



From the California Health Report, "For Many Homeless Families, a Tough Choice:
Separation, or a Shelter Bed?":



From the Atlanta Mission, "The Importance of Keeping Families Together in Homelessness"



FAMILY SHELTER RENDERINGS AND SITE PLAN













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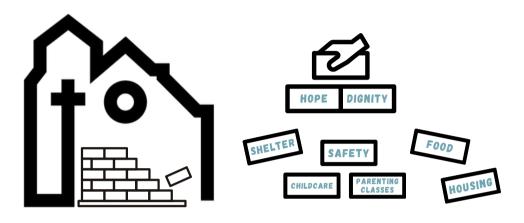
In August of 2024 I celebrated five years since becoming a part of the Jackson Interfaith Shelter team. Considering all that has happened and witnessing God's abundant faithfulness, much of it through incredible partners like you, I am humbled knowing that my time at the shelter only represents a meager 10 percent of the life of this incredible place. For 50 years there have been countless lives touched through thousands of partners in giving, praying, serving, staffing, feeding and sacrificially loving the often-overlooked members of this community.

Over the past five decades, there have been a few defining moments for Jackson Interfaith Shelter. Taking the initial leap of faith to found the shelter, moving to our current location, and building the dormitories to expand from a dozen beds to nearly 80 would be some of the most critical. At each one of these critical moments, the people of Jackson have faithfully committed to making these dreams a reality. Right now, we are in the midst of one of these defining moments for Jackson Interfaith Shelter that our community will reflect upon for decades to come. Thank you for putting your fingerprints on this moment where we have the opportunity to take significant strides forward in our care for vulnerable families in our community. It's a beautiful thing knowing that when those who come after us reflect on where the shelter is in another 50 years, they'll be able to say when the need was there, the community took the bold steps necessary to make the family shelter a reality.

STEVE CASTLE



WILL YOU HELP LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE OF JACKSON INTERFAITH SHELTER?



Your gift of \$100, \$1,000 \$10,000 or more will not only help make this expansion project a reality, but it will be **doubled** thanks to the generosity of the John George Jr. Trust. They will be matching every gift that is donated to the Family Shelter project, up to \$3,000,000.00.

Will you consider making a tax-deductible gift or a pledge today?

You can learn about our various giving options, as well as the latest updates and project budget, by scanning the QR code below or visiting *interfaithshelter.com/familyshelter*.

HELP LAY THE FOUNDATION WITH A GIFT OR PLEDGE TODAY







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TOM HUNSDORFER, BOARD PRESIDENT

"It's really been special to see the transformation of Jackson Interfaith Shelter. Part of the change over the last few years has been physical updates within our facility. The rest has to do with our culture. Our focus is on welcoming people when they're in the midst of a storm in their lives.

Because of the number of families we serve, the next thing we're looking ahead to is some sort of new facility that serves families. Having a space better suited to younger children is important to us.

It's been a blessing in my life to be able to help out here at the shelter. Sometimes people need a job, sometimes they need sobriety, sometimes they need spiritual guidance; but first, they need to be heard and know that they're cared about. For us to tell them, we're in it with you all the way."

Scan the QR code or visit our YouTube page to hear a message from Tom!

HOW WE SERVE

Meals

We provide three meals daily to clients and community members. This year we served over 65,000 meals.

Emergency Housing

We have 44 beds in our women and family dorm, and 32 beds in our men's dorm. We provide shelter to nearly 700 people each year.

Moving Forward

In efforts to quickly locate positive housing, clients receive support in identifying goals and reducing barriers.

Through personal progress plans, clients learn the tools and proactive skills to help eliminate future homelessness.

Shelter Together Podcast

Stay up to date with current homelessness trends and our community partnerships by listening to our podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts and YouTube.

Interested in joining the team?

View all current job openings or inquire about internships at *interfaithshelter.com/jobs*.

FIND US HERE

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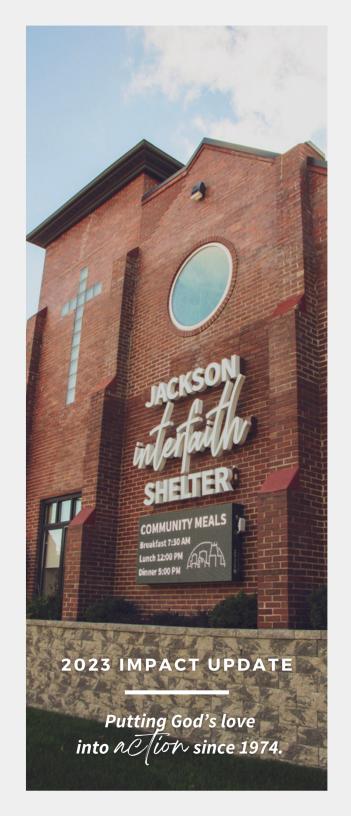
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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to the generosity of this community, we were able to purchase a **15-passenger van** that meets all of our needs. Donation pick-ups, client field trips, Home Depot runs and more are now made easier with the van.

Our partnership with Drive Staffing has continued to **provide hundreds of jobs** for clients and community members this year. We host a weekly job fair on site for anyone in need of employment, and are working toward a transitional housing program to create continued opportunities for clients.

Our third annual Block Party was a big success! Over 700 people came out to enjoy live music, lunch, shelter tours, face painting, flower crowns, a foam party and so much more. Thank you to our event sponsors, local businesses and volunteers for helping to create this fantastic community event.

YOUR GIFT IN ACTION

Which giving option is right for you? You can give any amount, but here are a few options to consider. Both one time and monthly gifts are needed. All donations are tax deductible.

\$500+

Contact us to discuss supporting a project that will align with your budget and passions.

\$175

Will provide a shelter client with food, shelter and wrap around services for one week.

\$50

Will purchase a birth certificate and other vital documentation.

\$15

Will provide a week's worth of bus fare to travel to work and other appointments.







WHERE FUNDS COME FROM



HOW FUNDS ARE USED



MAKE AN IMPACT

Support the shelter financially by giving online at *interfaithshelter.com/donate* or sending a check to P.O. Box 4411, Jackson, MI, 49204.

Interested in leaving a legacy? Contact us to learn more about **planned giving options**.

Give your time and talents by visiting *interfaithshelter.com/serve* to learn about available volunteer opportunities. Thank you to the 1,000+ volunteers who have served in the past 12 months!





JACKSON INTERFAITH SHELTER NEW HOUSING FAMILY, MICHIGAN 11/04/24

















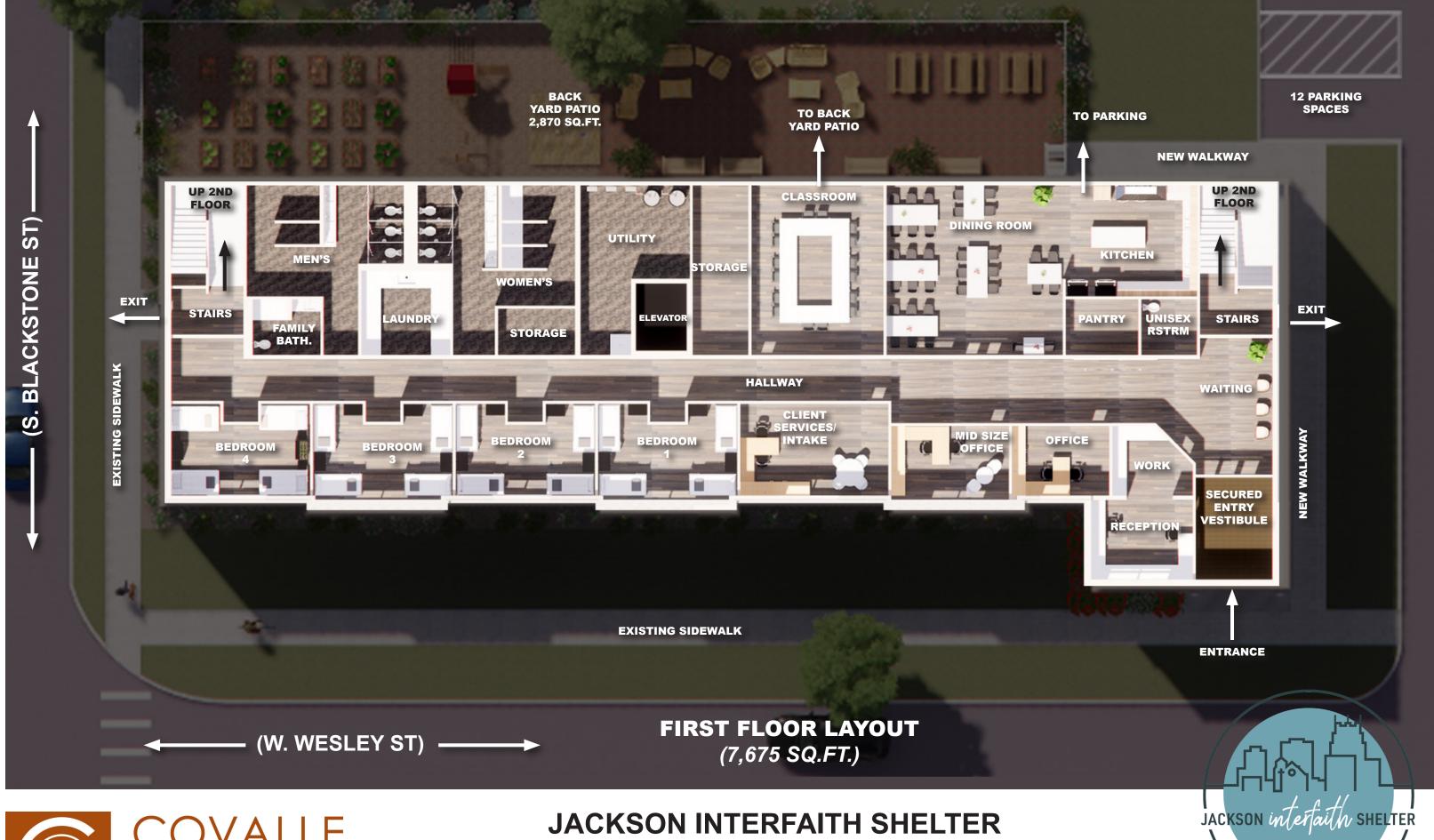














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SECOND FLOOR LAYOUT (7,675 SQ.FT.)











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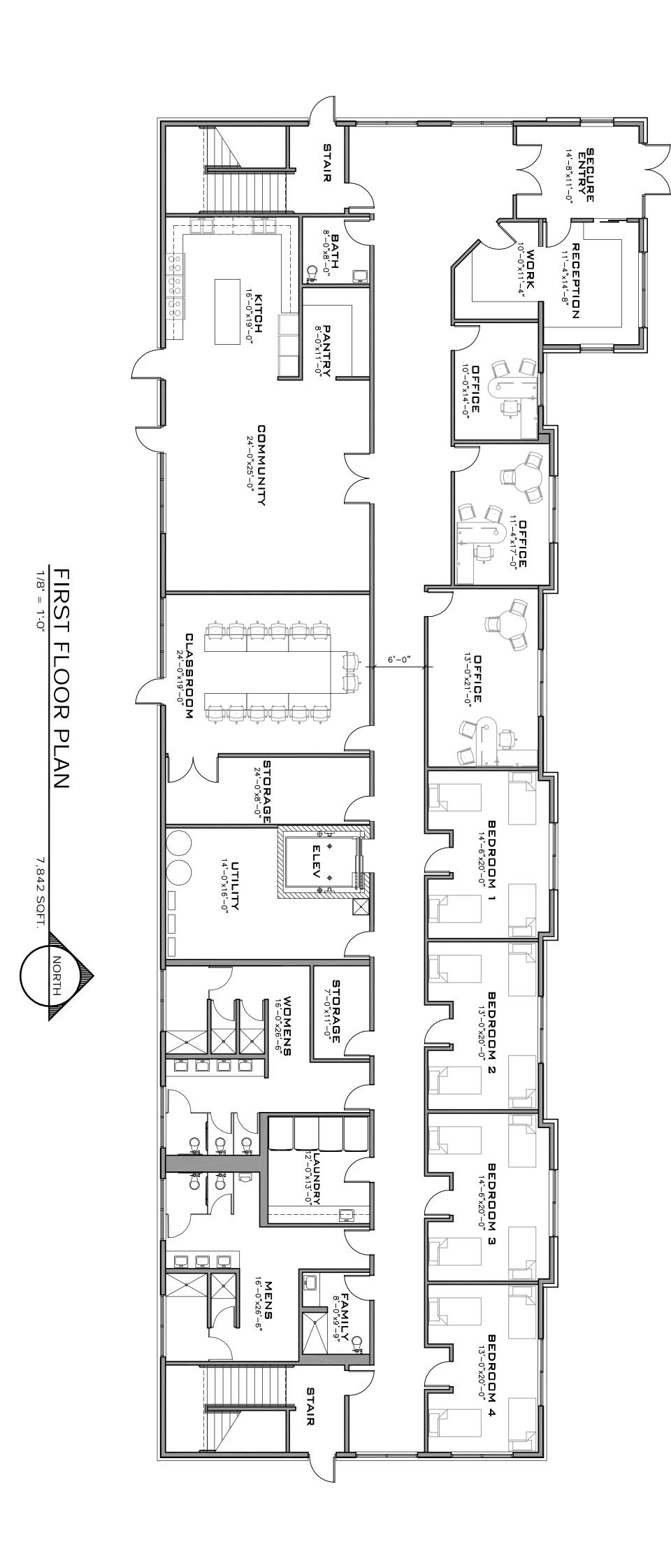
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KITCH. 10'-8"x11'-10"

RESIDENCE DIRECTOR 13'-4"x11'-10"



SHEET NUMBER

PRELIMINARY FLOOR PLANS

FILE NUMBER
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DRAWN BY
J.C.

DATE ISSUED

0"x20'-0

DATE REVISIONS APPV'D

11-1-24 ISSUED FOR OWNER REVIEW J.C.

CONFERENCE 13'-0"x26'-0"

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NEW FAMILY HOUSING

