THANKS for GIVING
Thursday, November 2nd
Peace Neighborhood has often been asked if we could bring what we do in Ann Arbor to other communities. We now have that opportunity. On June 21st, Peace’s 52nd birthday, our long-time community partner Zion Lutheran Church transferred title to an 8,000 square foot, 2.1 acre property in Ypsilanti Township. Their goal was to transfer ownership to a trusted organization who can serve the surrounding community—an area of Washtenaw County with prominent racial disparities in income, education, employment, and food insecurity.

We know that there is great need in Ypsilanti. Over 70% of the emergency assistance requests Peace receives each year come from Ypsilanti residents.

We also know that to be successful, Peace cannot pick up an exact replica of what we do here in Ann Arbor and drop it in a new community—with its own history, needs, and priorities. So we have spent the last year connecting with neighborhood residents, elected officials, community leaders, and local nonprofits who already serve Ypsilanti residents to listen and to learn.

What we learned confirmed the need for a new community resource center that can serve Ypsilanti residents more effectively, where they live. Peace has plans to renovate the building into a multi-purpose community resource center. We also have plans to partner with eight local agencies who have pledged to work together to provide an interconnected portfolio of programs & services that will offer residents 360° wraparound support.

At Peace, we know it takes a meaningful investment of resources, time, patience, and a whole lot of love to help people change their lives. We also know we couldn’t possibly make an impact without the continuing generosity of our extended community. We invite you to join us in investing in a new HUB Community Resource Center in Ypsilanti Township by supporting this year’s Thanks for Giving event.

Bonnie Billups, Jr.,
Executive Director

NEW DATE! NEW VENUE! SAME PEACE COMMUNITY

at

venue
Restaurant | Bar

a new event space at
1919 South Industrial Highway & East Stadium Boulevard
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Thursday, November 2nd
5:30 pm

$175 / ticket  |  $1,200 for table of eight

This year’s event will benefit the new Peace HUB Community Center in Ypsilanti Township.

For more information, please contact Kevin Lill at (734) 662-3564 or klill@peaceneighborhoodcenter.org
THANKS FOR GIVING / SPONSOR SUPPORT LEVELS

Presenting Host @Venue: $10,000
As the Presenting Host, your support will help Peace welcome over 250 guests to a new venue. Support at this level will also enable Peace to invest in new furnishings for the HUB’s Program & Community Spaces.

Ten (10) Dinner Guests w/ Reserved Seats
Co-billing as the Evening’s Host with Peace. Recognition with your logo on all event materials:
• Electronic and Printed Invitations to 2,500
• Venue’s Main Digital Screen(s)
• Event Page on Peace’s Website
• Printed Event program
• Social Media Shout-out with reach of 49,000+

Additional recognition with logo in:
• Press Release and Full Page Ad Announcing the new HUB Community Resource Center
• Post-event Thank You in December E-Newsletter, with a reach of 3,000+
• Peace’s 2023 Annual Report

Peace Leadership Circle: $5,000
As part of the HUB Community Circle, your support will help cover the cost of Peace’s new Agency Video to share our story. Support at this level will also help Peace host Community Events at the HUB to build community engagement and participation.

Six (6) Dinner Guests
Recognition with your logo on:
• Event Page on Peace’s Website
• Printed Event Program and materials;
• Social Media Shout-out with reach of 49,000+

Additional recognition with logo in:
• Press Release and Full Page Ad Announcing the new HUB Community Resource Center
• Post-event Thank You in Peace’s December E-Newsletter with reach of 3,000+ Peace’s
• Peace’s 2023 Annual Report

Neighborhood Partner: $2,500
As a Peace Neighborhood Partner your support will help Peace invest in office furniture & technology to support the HUB’s programs and services.

Four (4) Dinner Guests
Recognition with your logo on:
• Event Page on Peace’s Website
• Event program and materials; and

Additional recognition with logo in:
• Peace’s December E-Newsletter with reach of 3,000+ unique emails
• Post-event Thank You webpage
• Peace’s 2023 Annual Report
HUB Community Resource Center: Concept Plan

Peace is currently working with Quinn Evans Architects and Phoenix Contractors to transform the 8,000 square foot space into a welcoming, flexible, and multi-use community center that can host a range of programs and services for Ypsilanti residents who live in the surrounding neighborhoods. Both firms have worked together on previous projects, and have deep well of experience renovating and repurposing community spaces.

Quinn Evans’ Concept Plan and preliminary examples of interior finishes include the following spaces:

- A welcoming entry area with a reception desk; Circular flow throughout the building
- New front walk and ADA Entrance
- Two open multi-purpose spaces for community meals, meetings, and programs
- A full-service Commercial Kitchen with energy efficient appliances
- A full-service Food Pantry and mobile storage
- Conference room and flexible office space for nonprofits to meet with residents
- Dedicated Office Space for Peace Staff
- Two Larger restrooms that are ADA compliant
Multi-Use Program Space
- After-School Programs
- Workforce trainings
- Mentorship / Violence Prevention
- Senior Programs
- Recreational Activities
- Community/Neighborhood Meetings

Full-Service Food Pantry with full access to program space, mobile storage units, energy efficient appliances
- Partnership with Food Gatherers
- Expanded Hours to increase access
- Flexible Ordering/Appointments

Full-Service Commercial Kitchen w/ full access to both multi-purpose spaces
Energy Efficient Appliances
- Prep for Community Meals
- Healthy food/meals to support all programs & activities
- Food Prep & Nutrition Training

Multi-Purpose Community Events & Meeting Space
- Food Training
- Community Meals
- Recreational Activities
- Senior Programs & Activities
- Community/Neighborhood Meetings & Events

FOOD SPACES
OFFICE SPACES
MULTIUSE SPACES
PEACE HUB COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Accessible egress provides a safe exit path in the event of an emergency.

Kitchen acts as programmatic "heart" of the building, allowing for optimum circulation between programmed spaces.

All public spaces utilize accessible heights and meet ADA requirements.

New accessible ramp removes barriers for access into the building.
Located at 1515 South Harris Road in Ypsilanti Township, just north of Ford Lake and south of I-94, the new HUB Community Resource Center will serve three geographically isolated neighborhoods: Gault Village, Sugarbrook, & West Willow. All three have very low access to economic opportunity and prominent racial disparities in income, educational attainment, employment, housing and food insecurity—all social determinants that have a negative impact on long-term health outcomes.

In Sugarbrook and West Willow specifically, more than 40.7% of children live in poverty. Over 50% of families who live in the area are considered ALICE households (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Educated)—those who have a hard time covering basic living expenses. These neighborhoods are also considered “food deserts” without easy access to a full service grocery store, further compounding food insecurity.
Nine local agencies, who are looking to scale their programs to better serve Ypsilanti residents, have pledged to work together to collectively provide an interconnected portfolio of programs and services. Initial partners include:

- **Peace Neighborhood Center**  
  As lead agency, will provide 20% of programs and organizational infrastructure & systems.

- **Food Gatherers**  
  Support for a full-service food pantry to expand access to a wider selection of healthy food—in a geographically isolated area widely recognized as a food desert

- **Habitat for Humanity**  
  Critical housing support and Office Hours to help residents access housing services, program applications, educational workshops and trainings

- **FedUp Food Ministries**  
  Support for regular community meals & events at the HUB

- **Community Family Life Center**  
  After-School academic support & enrichment programs for elementary students

- **Educate Youth**  
  Academic support and enrichment activities for high-school students

- **Mentor-2-Youth**  
  Academic support, mentorship, and enrichment activities for middle-school boys

- **Our Community Reads**  
  Academic support, mentorship, and enrichment activities for middle-school girls

- **2 Marines**  
  Mentorship and training opportunities for young adults

Kemba Braynon, an Associate Architect at Quinn Evans Architects, is coordinating the design team for the new HUB Community Center. She also has a special connection to Peace Neighborhood Center as one of the first families to stay at Peace House as a newly single parent after a divorce. A transformational experience she credits to helping her put her life back together and move forward in her career.

“It meant so much to me that the first time I walked into Peace House, it was such a beautiful and welcoming space. Living there helped me hold my head up, and served as a reminder that I meant something and that everyone, despite their life circumstances, deserve well-designed spaces where they can thrive. Staying there was such a pivotal experience for me and my family. I loved being there and appreciated the 360° support I received. That experience made me realize that creating beautiful and welcoming spaces makes such a difference for the people who use them...And it completely changed my outlook on the kinds of projects I want to work on as an architect.”