

FOR HIS GLORY

The Vision

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church, “Drawing, Changing, and Sending People Through the Power of Christ,” has mandated a visionary approach to planning for future growth... Ultimately, our goal is for Christ Church to provide an oasis within our city that draws people to Christ’s gracious embrace and to stand resolutely *For the Glory of God*.

The Solution

In late 2015, the Vestry commissioned RVK to conduct a programming study for the entire church property. In 2016 they developed a Campus Site and Facilities Master Plan which was subsequently adopted by the Vestry and announced to the parish.

The Impact

- For 18 years, Christ Church has teamed up with Respite Care to provide essential services to children with developmental delays and other pressing needs. The campus enhancements will greatly extend our ministry to these 60 or more children and staff members who spend 6 full days a week with us.
- For 21 years, Christ Church has provided a week’s or more groceries for families and individuals who cannot provide for themselves. Most often, we provide necessary food for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren and veterans suffering with PTSD or other post-war maladies. Now, we plan to extend our services to the poor by offering free haircuts, toiletries, coats, and other vital services using this additional campus space.
- We should not forget that for the past 39 years, Christ Church has provided meeting space for drug addicted youth and their parents in the Rise Recovery (PDAP) program. Also, for the past 18 years, we have provided space for the National Association for Mental Illness. The teens and adults who frequent our campus will now be ushered onto a much more verdant and inviting space.
- Christ Church’s largest and most consistent outreach ministry is to the children and faculty of James Madison Elementary School on the far west side of San Antonio. The children are bussed to our campus each week for intensive mathematics, science, and music instruction. Without a doubt, the enhanced campus will put out a more gracious welcome mat for these precious children.
- For years, Christ Church has suffered from woefully inadequate handicapped parking and access. The proposed porte-cochere and increased handicapped parking will greatly improve the ease of access to the heart of our campus for seniors and those with mobility impairments.
- The creation of a dedicated outreach center in the historic green Carriage House will allow for the existing Christ Church Carriage House to once again be a dedicated space for Youth Ministries, allowing those ministries to increase.

Elements of the Project

The plan provides for the demolition of the Thunderbird Apartments; the creation of a multi-use outreach center and a worship-activity pavilion; updating the historic green Carriage House; and the addition of green space and a playground.



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The Thunderbird Apartments, acquired by the church in 2004 to provide room for future growth, will be cleared and replaced with green space and campus enhancements. The church's pastoral obligations to its residents and the neighborhood are of the highest priority. Accordingly, the church worked with San Antonio Housing Authority to assist residents in finding new homes.

The historic 1890's vintage green Carriage House will be updated to form the core of a new "Outreach Center" designed to enhance the operation of our Food Pantry facility and provide a new venue for church and community activities. An Outdoor Pavilion will facilitate the Food Pantry's distribution, other outreach efforts, and provide a venue for additional events.

A Playground will provide an expanded area for children. Surrounding Green Space will form the backdrop for intergenerational activities. The street will become a "private drive" and the addition of a new porte-cochere and covered walkway will provide sheltered access for handicapped persons coming to the church grounds. Enhanced parking capacity will be created with a new lot at the south end of the campus encouraging church growth and access to the new space.

What Will It Cost?

Preliminary demolition/construction estimates total \$5 million.

Who Will Guide This Project?

The Vestry, led by Senior Warden John Boyce, will guide the project with the support of The Reverend Patrick Gahan, Rector, and a Campaign Committee.

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