



PLEDGE FORM

I am/We are pleased to contribute to My Place Teen Center.

NAME(s) _____

GIFT: I/We pledge a total sum of \$ _____ to be paid over ____ years, in the following payments:

\$ ____ monthly \$ ____ semi-annually \$ ____ quarterly \$ ____ annually

Other: (please specify) _____

I/We plan to begin payments on: ____ / ____ / ____

I/We plan to make my/our contribution in the form of:

Cash Check Credit Card Other _____

If paying by credit card (Visa or MasterCard):

Name _____ Account Number _____

Exp Date _____ Sec Code _____ Signature _____

DONOR RECOGNITION: Please recognize me (us) in the MPTC campaign materials as follows:

Name(s): _____

In Memory In Honor of: _____

Anonymous

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



On behalf of My Place Teen Center, thank you for your commitment to our teens.

Unless noted otherwise, all gifts are unrestricted and allocated according to campaign needs.

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COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN - \$7MM

Campaign gifts will go towards (1) 75 Bacon Street renovation and furnishings, (2) Transportation, (3) Facilities' upkeep, and (4) Sustainability and general operations – both locations.



1. 75 Bacon Street Acquisition, Renovation, and Furnishings – \$3.7MM

- Acquisition/Replacement Reserve – **\$245k**
- Building Construction: roof repair/steeple, flooring, heating-ventilation system, windows/doors, interior improvements, plumbing, security/electrical upgrades, sprinkler updates, commercial kitchen, fire alarm, site work, additional materials, and labor – **\$3.01MM**
- Furnishings, Fixtures, Equipment – **\$425k**
- Closing/Soft Costs – **\$20k**



2. Transportation (both locations) – \$50K



3. Building Maintenance Fund (both locations) – \$250K



4. Sustainability Fund (both locations) – \$3MM









Donor Recognition & Naming Opportunities

LEGACY NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

WESTBROOK	BIDDEFORD
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Complex	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Complex
\$1,000,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant Job Training Program (Kitchen & Dining Area)	<input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant Job Training Program (Kitchen & Dining Area)
\$500,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> Creativity Center <input type="checkbox"/> Chat Room <input type="checkbox"/> Lobby	<input type="checkbox"/> Creativity Center <input type="checkbox"/> Chat Room <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lobby
\$250,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> Perennial Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Perennial Gardens
\$150,000	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teen Store <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teen Reception	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teen Store <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teen Reception
\$50,000	

Gifts for Success

\$7,000,000

GIFT LEVEL	
\$1,000,000 (x2)	
\$500,000 (x2)	
\$250,000 (x6)	
\$150,000 (x2)	
\$50,000 (x4)	
\$25,000 (x80)	

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'Harbinger of hope': \$650K boost for Biddeford teen center under construction in former church



COURTESY / MY PLACE TEEN CENTER

The former St. Andre's Church in Biddeford is being transformed into a second My Place Teen Center.

By Renee Cordes

My Place Teen Center, a Westbrook-based nonprofit, has been awarded \$650,000 in federal funding toward the \$3.7 million construction of a second center, in downtown Biddeford.

The center, set to open in September, will be housed in the former St. Andre's Church.

"A pure labor of love and longevity," My Place Teen Center Executive Director Donna Dwyer said of the renovation project in progress. "Find a way – there's always a way."

Like My Place Teen Center in Westbrook, the Biddeford branch is envisioned as a welcoming community space for teens and



Donna Dwyer

will work to help them deal with food insecurity and substance abuse.

The funding is part of the \$454 million — for 185 projects — that U.S. Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, secured for the state in the latest congressional directed spending appropriations package.

“Over the past several years unprecedented challenges have contributed to declines in mental health for young people across Maine,” King said. “Traumas that hurt now can have lingering impacts that last a lifetime if they aren’t addressed. By giving our children a safe space to heal and grow alongside a steady support system, we are setting them up for a brighter, healthier tomorrow.”

Dwyer was honored as a MaineBiz Woman to Watch in 2015.

With the \$650,000 boost, she said it will be possible to pay for the final stages of transforming the 17,000-square-foot shuttered church. Among other things, the money will go to furnishings, fixtures, equipment, a security system, information technology and phone system.

“Changing the trajectory of vulnerable, young lives is at the heart of keeping kids safe, fed and loved,” she said. “This significant gift is a harbinger of hope for thousands of Maine youth.”

York County Commissioners approve \$1.5 million for My Place Teen Center in Biddeford

By Tammy Wells

October 7, 2021

BIDDEFORD — The quest to bring My Place Teen Center to Biddeford took a giant leap forward Wednesday, with a unanimous vote by York County Commissioners to approve up to \$1.5 million in American Rescue Plan funds for the project.

The center will be located at 75 Bacon St. — in the former St. Andre Church, now owned by Biddeford Housing Authority — and is modeled after My Place Teen Center in Westbrook.

“After four years of extreme arduousness, we are beyond ecstatic,” said My Place Teen Center President and CEO Donna Dwyer on Thursday.

The new center, which is expected to open in 2023, she said, is projected to serve 70-100 young people, aged 10-18, from Biddeford and the surrounding area each weekday, and serve about 9,000 meals a year.

My Place Teen Center offers an oasis to kids, and “instills grit” through character development, academic support, mentoring, civic engagement, and life skills, according to information provided by the center. Programs offered include a youth leadership academy, a restaurant job training program, and two others: Get Urban Kids Outside! and Making Personal Choices. All programs and services offered at My Place Teen Center are free.

In a letter supporting the project, Biddeford Mayor Alan Casavant noted the city has several programs aimed at youth, but that still, too many young people fall between the cracks.

“My fear, and the fear of councilors, is that there are too many teens in my city who have no supervision after schools, as parents are working or, sadly, ‘not engaged,’” he said.

The \$1.5 million injection will be coupled with some existing money, leaving about \$200,000 to \$250,000 in funds and about \$650,000 of in-kind support to be raised.



York County Commissioners have approved up to \$1.5 million in funding to help renovate the former St. Andre Church on Bacon Street in Biddeford into My Place Teen Center. The center still has to raise some funds and in-kind support for the project. It is projected to open in 2023 and serve kids 10-18 from around the region. *Tammy Wells Photo*

The money will fund building renovations, projected to total about \$2.7 million.

Commissioner Richard Clark moved to award up to \$1.5 million to the My Place Teen Center project. "I'm confident they'll do a good job," said Clark. "I am impressed by their proposal. (It will) serve a need ... for kids in general and kids in trouble."

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robert Andrews, and the vote was unanimous.

All the county commissioners toured My Place Teen Center in Westbrook individually or in pairs within the last month.

Dwyer said there had been a lot of "ups and downs" with fundraising for the project since the idea to bring My Place Teen Center to Biddeford first surfaced four years ago.

"We got a lot of 'no's,'" said Dwyer.

Some however, have been early supporters, said Dwyer, noting the Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation, Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, Davis Family Foundation, the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, Biddeford Savings and Northeast Delta Dental.

"This is the lynchpin that makes the project viable," said Dwyer of the county ARP funding.

She also pointed out the project still needs the in-kind goodwill of the community.

"We hope to make it a community project," said Biddeford Housing Authority Director Guy Gagnon. "Having this funding makes it real."

The old church was part of a package of properties purchased by Biddeford Housing Authority in 2014. Gagnon said BHA and My Place Teen Center will share ownership of the former St. Andre's. Church. He said BHA is considering housing and other options for the basement of the property.

In May, My Place Teen Center secured funding for programs in the Biddeford-Saco area for youth aged 14–18, and is temporarily located in the Saco Valley Shopping Center.

County commissioners held public hearings in June, seeking input from residents and organizations on how to spend the \$40 million in American Rescue Plan funding the county government was awarded. In all, the commissioners received 35 suggestions totaling \$50 million. Workshops seeking more information on a number of the projects have been held and others are scheduled. County Manager Greg Zinser said so far, the county has approved about \$900,000 in engineering and planning for various county projects under consideration for funding; \$2.7 million in premium pay for employees; \$12,000 for a vestibule in the York County Registry of Deed offices, and \$255,000 for fund management. More information is available at: <https://www.yorkcountymaine.gov/general-6>