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NEW TRACKS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Red Caboose Child Care Center is partnering with Movin' Out, Inc. to build a unique facility combining accessible, affordable housing with affordable, inclusive childcare in one of Madison's most diverse neighborhoods. The new building at 2340 Winnebago St. (near East Washington Ave. and Sixth St.) will activate a long-vacant site, strengthen housing stability in that area and enable Red Caboose to serve more children and families.

A NOVEL COLLABORATION

- Since 1995, Movin' Out has specialized in safe, affordable, community-integrated housing for families in need and people with disabilities
- Red Caboose is Madison's first accredited childcare center, founded in 1972

THE BUILDING

- 70,000 sq. ft., four stories, underground parking
- Red Caboose will own ground floor (21,000 sq. ft.)
- Movin' Out will own 2nd-4th stories (38 apartment units)
- Meets Wisconsin Green Built Home standards (sustainability, energy)
- Part of urban in-fill development (high-traffic corridor and future Bus Rapid Transit access point)

THE NEED

- Lack of affordable housing stock
- Shortage of childcare centers for downtown families and employees. Downtown Madison, Inc. has identified quality, accessible childcare as an **important economic issue**
- Red Caboose has outgrown its Williamson St. home
- Larger facility needed to accommodate growing number of children on waitlist.
- Rising childcare gap for parents returning to work during and after COVID-19 pandemic; unless parents
 have childcare options they can trust, many will not go back to work
- Madison School District expanding its partnership with Red Caboose to serve more children due to modified classroom schedules as schools reopen
- Lack of neighborhood meeting/event spaces

SPECIAL FEATURES & OUTCOMES OF NEW CHILDCARE CENTER

- Capacity to serve 50 percent more children
- Community room for neighborhood activities

- · Parent education for Movin' Out residents and neighbors
- · Nature-based, accessible playground
- Edible landscaping
- · Adds energy and activity to long-vacant site in diverse neighborhood
- · Co-location of childcare center and affordable housing units increases convenience for families
- Synergy and partnerships with local employers, nonprofit organizations
- Referral and support services for kids & families, including more support for special needs children
- Includes plenty of room for program expansion
- Employment opportunities for disabled individuals
- Affordable housing preference for Red Caboose staff and other early childhood professionals

RED CABOOSE TRACK RECORD IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY

- More than **5,000 alumni**, including local community leaders
- "It feels like one-fourth of Madison has a connection to Red Caboose."
- · High teacher retention, staff continuity
- · More than 38 percent of kids served are Black, Indigenous, People of Color and/or low-income
- Sliding-scale tuition increases affordability and access
- Strong **scholarship fund** provides tuition support for 80 percent of children
- Diverse group of parents (single, foster, traditional, adoptive, grandparents, same gender, homeless, etc.)
- · Partners with more than 40 local nonprofits, employers and other community organizations
- Maintaining services and programs for kids and families during COVID-19 health crisis

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Equity, cash, gifts, receivables: \$4.0 million **RED CABOOSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL:** \$1.5 million

TOTAL COST:

Land acquisition, 1st floor construction, playground, \$5.5 million parking, pre-development and related costs:

TIMELINE

- · Land Acquired (Sept. 2016)
- Groundbreaking (2021 Q3)
- Grand Opening (2022 Q3 Red Caboose's 50th Anniversary)

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