



transforming HEARTS CHANGING LIVES

Frequently Asked Questions

VISION & FEASIBILITY

What was the Transforming Hearts Campaign goal, and how much was raised?

Our financial goal was \$25 million, based on our advisor's feasibility study and the cost to address our deepest needs. During our strategic direction process additional projects were identified that could be funded if we exceeded that goal. As of February 2024, we have received \$33 million in pledges.

How will we use the extra \$8 million in excess of the campaign goal?

The original goal of \$25 million was allocated into three areas: sacred spaces, ministry programs, and outreach. All funds in excess of that goal will be invested in those same priorities. The Transforming Hearts leadership team and the Vestry will allocate these funds.

SACRED SPACES

What campus and facility improvements are part of Transforming Hearts?

Our planning has been focused on meeting the deepest needs of our people now and into the future, starting with our children. Plans include:

- Renovating existing space to accommodate Christ Church Preschool and Kindergarten (CCK)'s planned growth.
- A dedicated youth center where our youth can gather and build strong relationships with their peers.
- A new parish hall where the congregation can gather in fellowship throughout the week.
- Renovating existing space to house a new Center for Well-Being.
- Additional parking.

When and where will the construction take place?

- **Parking:** The construction of additional parking is a high priority and will take place in Spring 2024, in the northeast corner of our property where the duplexes are currently located.
- **CCK:** Renovation of the Nursery Suites on the lower level surrounding All Saints' Hall will take place in Summer 2024 so that classrooms are ready for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Center for Well-being:** Renovations will take place in Summer 2024, reconfiguring spaces in the area that now includes the Green Room and adjacent rooms.
- **New Building:** The new building will be located adjacent to the St. Francis (Rotunda) building, in what is now our lower parking lot, with a courtyard between the two buildings. We expect construction to begin in Fall 2024, and we estimate it could be completed by Fall 2025. The actual construction will take 12-15 months.

What is the projected cost of the new building and campus improvements?

These improvements are expected to cost about \$17.5 million.

IMPACT & PROGRESS REPORTS

How will the renovation and construction projects impact our regular activities on campus?

We are mindful of the potential disruptions these projects might cause and we are taking measures to ensure minimal impact on our regular worship, parish activities, and the CCK school year. Construction will be carefully managed to maintain the sanctity and tranquility of our Spiritual Home. Your understanding and patience during the construction period will be greatly appreciated.

How can I stay informed of the progress?

We are committed to keeping you informed at every step of the way. Updates will be provided through our regular communication channels, including newsletters, emails, social media, and announcements during services. You can visit our website (christchurchcharlotte.org/hearts) to view renderings of the new building and find other related resources. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Wendy Mauney at 704-333-0378 with any concerns or questions.

OUTREACH

Will this campaign address critical needs in our community?

In keeping with a long tradition at Christ Church, this campaign includes over \$3 million for outreach – the largest single commitment of outreach resources in the history of our parish. Over the next five years we are committed to making a measurable, meaningful, and relational impact in our city and will devote new resources to the care of God's fragile creation.

Will we still be involved in affordable housing?

Affordable housing will continue to be one of the pillars of our outreach efforts. For example, a grant of \$250,000 to our long-time partner Roof Above will help fund the "Kings on Lamar" project in the nearby Elizabeth neighborhood – a 66-unit facility for unhoused single men – where we hope to provide support not only with funding, but also with volunteer efforts. And, Christ Church will partner with Atrium Health to place a dedicated Community Health Worker in the Shamrock Gardens Apartments community on Eastway Drive. Both of these new efforts are cutting-edge, innovative approaches to building community wellness through housing security.

What else can we expect?

We will keep the parish up to date on our careful deliberations around investments of Transforming Hearts outreach funds. We are thrilled to make a grant of \$100,000 to the "Promised Land" Building Fund of St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, a historically Black church that has worshiped continuously in Charlotte since 1882. SMAA was a thriving Brooklyn/Second Ward Episcopal community until its building was taken during the urban renewal programs of the 1960s, and they have met in numerous temporary locations since then, most recently at Trinity Episcopal School. SMAA has acquired a permanent site in northeast Mecklenburg County and is closing in on its permanent building fund goal. The Diocese is strongly supporting reestablishing this community. Stay tuned as we continue to deploy this resource.

MAKING A GIFT

Is it too late to make a pledge or contribute to the campaign?

It is NOT too late! This is a generational moment in the life of our parish and we invite all members to be a part of this important, history-making initiative.

Who can I speak to about making a gift or pledge?

If you need information about the process for making a pledge, please contact Natalie Akin or Paulette Wilkes in the Generosity Office at 704-333-0378.

Will my gift be confidential?

All pledges and campaign gifts will be held in the same confidence as annual stewardship gifts.

What form of contributions will be accepted?

Gifts can be made by cash, check, credit card, and transferred securities. If you are interested in donating stocks or mutual funds, please contact Jennifer Stewart in the Finance Office at 704-333-0378 to ensure the gift is processed efficiently and that the proceeds are properly credited. Please consult your financial advisor on the most advantageous manner to give.

Can our Transforming Hearts pledge be paid over time?

All pledges can be paid over time, with final payments made by December 2028. Of course, early payment of pledges is welcomed so that interest expense on any construction loans can be minimized. Please contact the Generosity Office at 704-333-0378 to discuss creative ways to plan your Transforming Hearts pledge.

Can we designate our pledge for a particular project?

The Transforming Hearts vision is comprehensive and interconnected. It is important to fully fund the vision. Therefore we request that all pledges support the entire vision and not be limited to a particular project.