



GENERATIONS VILLAGE

PROMISES IN ACTION





OUR STORY

Established in 2018, Generations Village seeks to provide a sense of hope and purpose for its residents in an intergenerational, family neighborhood environment.

Modeled after similar planned neighborhoods, we serve the needs of foster families, youth transitioning to adulthood, and seniors, by providing a safe environment for children and youth, multifaceted support for foster families, and a thriving and engaging atmosphere for senior adults.

Generations Village is unique in that we are the only community in Missouri providing multigenerational programs that include foster children, foster youth, and seniors. Studies demonstrate that the most vulnerable populations to homelessness in Southwest Missouri are youth transitioning out of foster care to adulthood and senior adults. With 65% of our units available at low-income rental rates, Generations Village is able to directly address their need for stable housing.



Generations Village is a planned neighborhood whose community partners will coordinate and connect a variety of services to our residents. These may include, but are not limited to, recreational events, educational activities, interest groups, volunteer opportunities, mentoring and tutoring sessions led by seniors, and field trips for everyone.

Specific to serving youth transitioning from foster care to adulthood, we are offering character development and workforce preparation. Our staff and community partners will work to ensure that these programs and events are tailored to fit their needs.

In our community center, there will be space for enrichment activities, community meals and celebrations, counseling sessions, support groups, and private consultations with healthcare providers.

“The goal of this design is to fulfill our mission and promote the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of all residents.”

- Russ Conroy, Chairperson, Board of Directors



OUR MISSION

To provide a diverse, intergenerational, family neighborhood living environment, promoting the best possible future for foster families, foster youth, and senior adults.



At Generations Village our goal is to build a community where:

- Foster children and youth can live in a safe neighborhood providing opportunities for growth and stability.
- The multi-faceted needs of families who care for foster children are understood and supported.
- Senior adults commit to help by volunteering their time by mentoring, babysitting, tutoring, etc.
- Senior adults thrive by engaging with neighbors of all ages where their many contributions and life experiences are recognized and appreciated.
- Every single resident finds a sense of hope and purpose.

MEETING THE NEED



Long-term physical, emotional, and mental health benefits of intergenerational housing models have already been demonstrated:

- Younger generations experience roots, history, perspective and one-on-one mentoring.
- Families experience stability.
- Seniors experience better health, prolonged independence and increased social engagement.

These benefits counter the trends of poverty, loneliness, isolation, and a diminished sense of well-being that are associated with being among marginalized populations.

By providing affordable housing options we are also addressing our region's housing shortages that began during the pandemic and continued through the subsequent construction costs and supply-chain issues. These ongoing challenges further affect the health, well-being, and quality-of-life of vulnerable citizens.



OUR IMPACT

Our model provides a solution to a public health crisis. The United States is faced with an annual cost of \$30 Billion to mitigate the challenges associated with our child welfare system. Being a part of that system directly contributes to a higher number of incidents of homelessness, incarceration, early parenthood, lack of education, and preparation for the workforce. This impacts all of us.

Within the community of Generations Village, we are providing a hands on approach through our intergenerational model. With our on-site staff and volunteers, we provide a safe space for those impacted by the child welfare system to heal and grow into productive, happy adults.



The impact of Generations Village spans beyond youth who are aging out of foster care and also addresses the following Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) as defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC):

- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Health and Healthcare
- Social and Community Context
- Education
- Economic Stability

We do this by providing a wrap-around approach which includes:

- Cross-sector collaboration through the engagement of effective partnerships which address housing, healthcare and social support.
- Data-driven interventions through the use of SDOH metrics which identify areas where programmatic growth is needed.
- Advocacy and funding which prioritizes access to affordable housing, healthcare, and educational support.




OUR GOALS

Emulating goals established by other planned neighborhoods, and specifically by The Treehouse Foundation, we are focusing on the following proposed metrics, which will be revised to include impact on the senior population at Generations Village as well:



| <i>(Source citations available upon request)</i> | National Averages for Foster Youth | Generations Village Benchmarks |
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| High School Graduates or attainment of GED | 58% | 95% |
| Attending College or Vocational Training | <10% | 100% |
| High School Drop Outs | (ANNUALLY) 8 - 14% | (TOTAL OVER 12 YRS) 5% |
| Children Repeating One or More Grades in School | 33 - 46% | 2% |
| Arrests | 46% | 0 |
| Teens/Young Adults Parenting | 48% | 2% |
| Failed Placements/Children Returning to DCF | 16% | 0 |



Included with these established goals for our foster youth Villagers, will be other points of data which track the positive trends of our community toward health outcomes often driven by SDOH.

These may include:

- Financial stability
- Access to consistent healthcare
- Access to support services
- Community

We are currently developing the metrics we will use to continue building our data-driven approach.



OUR PARTNERS

We partner with organizations throughout the region and the state to ensure we are effective and accountable in establishing appropriate benchmarks toward our goals.

These partnerships span across several sectors including education, healthcare and social services.

We work with them in a variety of ways throughout the entire time a resident is a part of our community.

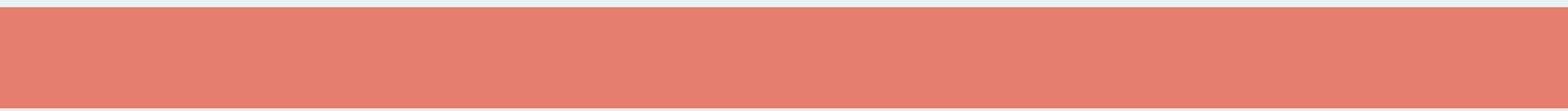
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BUILDING OUR FUTURE



Generations Village is a multi-generational model unique to Missouri, where our stakeholders are united in purpose toward the betterment of our community. By proactively addressing social determinants of health, we reduce the strain on our social service system while simultaneously building a path toward economic mobility for our Villagers. This disrupts the cycles of mental, social, and economic poverty and creates benefits that will last for generations.



We are inviting \$4M in private support to operationalize the social impact of our newly-constructed neighborhood. This is a comprehensive campaign in that its purpose and focus is on operational elements and programming. This includes:

- Basic needs support for our families and their homes
- Workforce Development for our young foster adults
- Physical and Mental Health Services for all residents

With your generous support, along with the support of others, we will:

- Support foster families' unique needs
- Support foster children who are aging out of the system
- Support older adults who may not have a financial, social and emotional safety net

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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