



Partner With Us to Renew Northern's Historic Campus

A LEGACY OF CARE

For over 170 years, Northern Children's Services (Northern) has supported children, youth, and families in Philadelphia. Our 6.5 acre Roxborough campus has been central to that mission since 1923, when it opened as a state-of-the-art "orphanage" with dormitories, a library, an infirmary, a gym, and playgrounds.

Today, Northern supports over 1,500 people each year with trauma-informed community behavioral health, child welfare, residential, prevention, and wellness programs. Our culturally responsive services meet people where they are, providing individualized care rooted in dignity and healing. Our seven-building campus features residential facilities, therapy spaces, and administrative offices, as well as recreation areas including playgrounds, fields, a gym, and a pool, all designed to promote overall well-being. While our programs have kept pace with community needs, our aging campus has not, and now risks holding us back.

WHY NOW?

Outdated Infrastructure



Aging systems like this one leave our clients and staff vulnerable to extreme temperatures and power loss.

Our aging systems frequently cause outages and inconvenience. To truly support healing, our spaces must offer safety, comfort, and reliability.

Barriers to Access



Individuals with mobility challenges struggle to move through our campus.

Essential areas like therapy rooms and common spaces remain inaccessible, like our gym, without elevators, ramps, or smooth walkways.

Spaces That Undermine Wellness



Our current central kitchen's size and limited equipment make it difficult to deliver nutrition classes and prepare fresh healthy meals for our residents and other youth.

The kitchen, playground, and wellness spaces are overdue for repairs and upgrades. These places are central to our programs that build confidence, life skills, and joy.

GOAL: Raise \$7.1 million to fund a restored, inclusive campus where healing can flourish.



GET INVOLVED

Your support – financial, strategic, or relational – helps us thrive.

Support this vision by:

- ✓ Making a philanthropic gift
- ✓ Connecting us to potential funders or partners
- ✓ Amplifying our story and services

Contact us to discuss how you can support this transformation. **MORE DETAILS** ▶

VISUALIZING THE IMPROVEMENTS

Over five years, we will partner towards a renewed space.

Safe & Inclusive



- ADA-compliant ramps, elevators, and walkways
- Better lighting and secure outdoor paths

Healthy & Comfortable



- Sustainable, energy-efficient buildings
- New central kitchen and play areas that support healing and well-being

Built for Growth



- Inclusive spaces that reflect the dignity, diversity, and worth of the youth and families we serve.

WHAT WE'RE IMPROVING

The project's main components are:

Safety & Security



FINANCIAL GOAL:
\$1,450,000

- Replace outdated electrical systems to prevent outages and hazards (\$750,000)
- Improve campus outdoor lighting (\$450,000)
- Upgrade full campus security camera and access control systems (\$250,000)

Accessibility & Compliance



FINANCIAL GOAL:
\$800,000

- Install elevators in two buildings (\$300,000)
- Install entrance & exit ramps for two buildings (\$100,000)
- Create accessible restrooms in two buildings (\$400,000)

Sustainability



FINANCIAL GOAL:
\$3,450,000

- Replace HVAC systems to improve comfort and reduce energy use (\$1,200,000)
- Replace historic windows to enhance insulation and climate control (\$2,000,000)
- Upgrade interior lighting with new energy-efficient fixtures (\$250,000)

Program & Well-Being Amenities



FINANCIAL GOAL:
\$1,400,000

- Hutter Building Kitchen renovation to support nutrition and life skills (\$300,000)
- Playground improvements that foster resilience and joyful engagement (\$500,000)
- Pool house renovation to provide a safer, more functional space (\$400,000)
- Improve garden infrastructure to support wellness & nutrition programming (\$200,000)

→ TOTAL: \$7,100,000

Ready to Learn More? You Can Make a Difference

Northern's future depends on the strength of our community.
Join us in ensuring every child, youth, and family has a place to thrive.

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