

# Kitchen Renovation Project



## Transforming Our Historic Kitchen for Healthier Futures

Northern Children's Services is renovating the historic kitchen in the Hutter Building to better meet the health and wellness needs of the children, youth, and families we serve. Originally built in 1923, the current kitchen is non-functional and lacks the capacity to store and prepare fresh, nutritious meals. Upgrading the kitchen will enable us to replace pre-packaged food with healthier, whole-food options, while also supporting our community food pantry with proper storage and preparation facilities for fresh produce.

Our on-campus vegetable garden is also part of this project. By integrating fresh produce from our garden, we will enhance meal quality and offer hands-on opportunities for youth and families to learn about gardening, healthy eating, and sustainable food practices.

Beyond meal preparation, the renovated kitchen will serve as a warm and welcoming space where we can connect with the community through events and gatherings, fostering stronger relationships and providing a hub for engagement.

## Why This Matters

Healthier Meals	Skill Building	Community Impact	Long-Term Wellness
Replace processed food with fresh, whole meals.	Offer cooking classes for youth and families, promoting self-sufficiency.	Address food insecurity through better meal options and pantry support.	Support behavioral health with improved nutrition.

## Who Will Benefit



### The 350 children & youth served each year through residential programs

- Generations I: Mother/baby foster care program
- Generations II: Transitional housing for young/expecting mothers
- Crossroads: Youth transitioning to adulthood



### Wellness & Resiliency Programs

After-school and summer programs for children aged 8-14 with behavioral challenges



### Community Food Pantry

Improved storage and preparation for fresh produce

## Your Support Makes a Difference

By investing in this project, you help Northern:

- ♥ Improve food quality and nutrition for youth and families
- ♥ Teach essential life skills through cooking and meal preparation
- ♥ Integrate fresh produce from our garden for healthier meals
- ♥ Enhance our food pantry's capacity to store and distribute fresh produce

## Join Us

If you are interested in partnering—whether through in-kind support or a financial gift—we would love to hear from you!

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