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The Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City Receives Historic Grant from The Sunderland Foundation



MISSION, Kan. — In support of its upcoming capital project, the Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City (DSG) was awarded \$400,000 from The Sunderland Foundation, located in Overland Park, Kansas. This is the largest gift in DSG’s 35-year history.

“We are incredibly grateful for this generous gift that will help us create a world-class, 11,000-square-foot Lifelong Learning Campus,” said Mike Frazier, President, DSG Board of Directors. “Our campus will set the stage for authentic, fulfilling lives by providing opportunities for people with Down syndrome to participate in programming, receive therapy, find meaningful employment, and enjoy a sense of community.”

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In July 2019, DSG acquired 5916 Dearborn St., the building adjacent to its current office space on the first floor of 5960 Dearborn St. The project scope, designed by Tevis Architects of Shawnee, Kansas, includes renovations within the new building, as well as within the current office space.

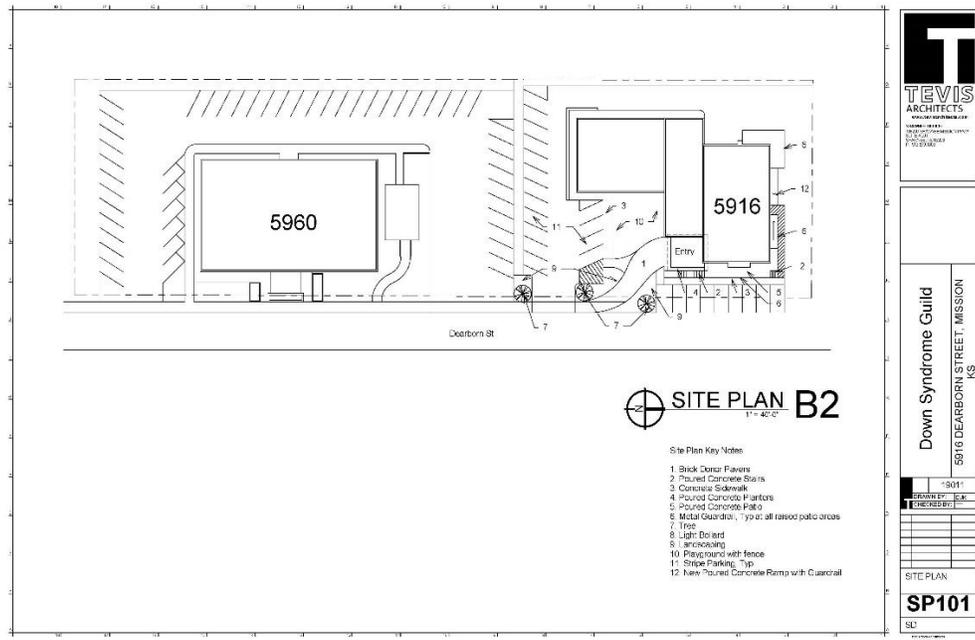
“DSG is facing a critical milestone: we’ve reached capacity in our current space as we expand our services and launch new programming to serve people with Down syndrome, from birth to late adulthood,” said Jason Drummond, Ed.D., Chief Executive Officer of DSG. “Our goal is to maximize the potential for a meaningful and productive life that includes employment, daily life independence, community integration, and social inclusion—and our new, Lifelong Learning Campus is the next step in this journey.”

Construction is tentatively slated to begin in late spring of this year with a goal for occupancy in August 2020. Notable project features include designated area for social enterprise employment opportunities; an outdoor adaptive playground and community area; innovative technology; and a campus dedicated to serving the needs of people with Down syndrome at every life stage.

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Project Renderings (for high resolution renderings, please contact [Vanessa Figg](#)):

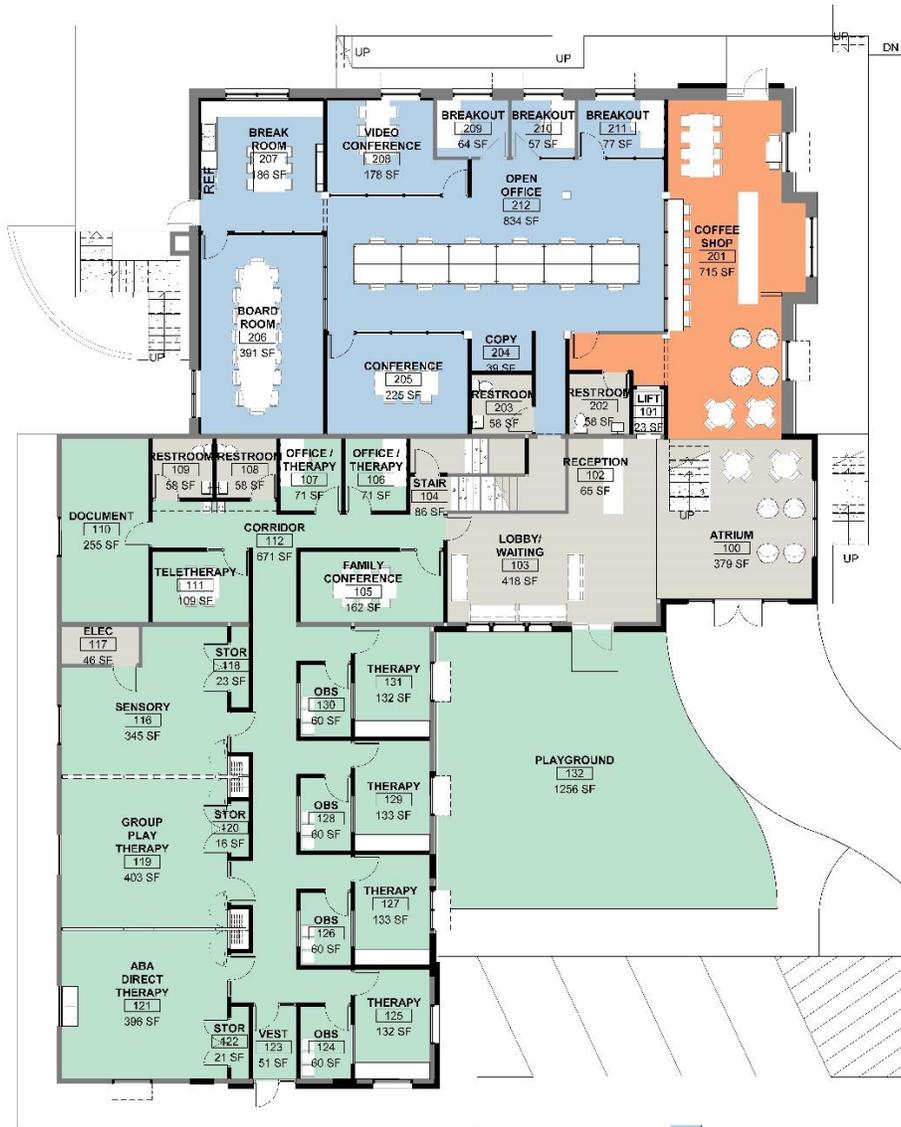
DSG Lifelong Learning Center: Site Plan



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DSG Lifelong Learning Center: 5916 Dearborn—First Floor



- Administrative
- Building Support
- Social Enterprise
- Therapy Center

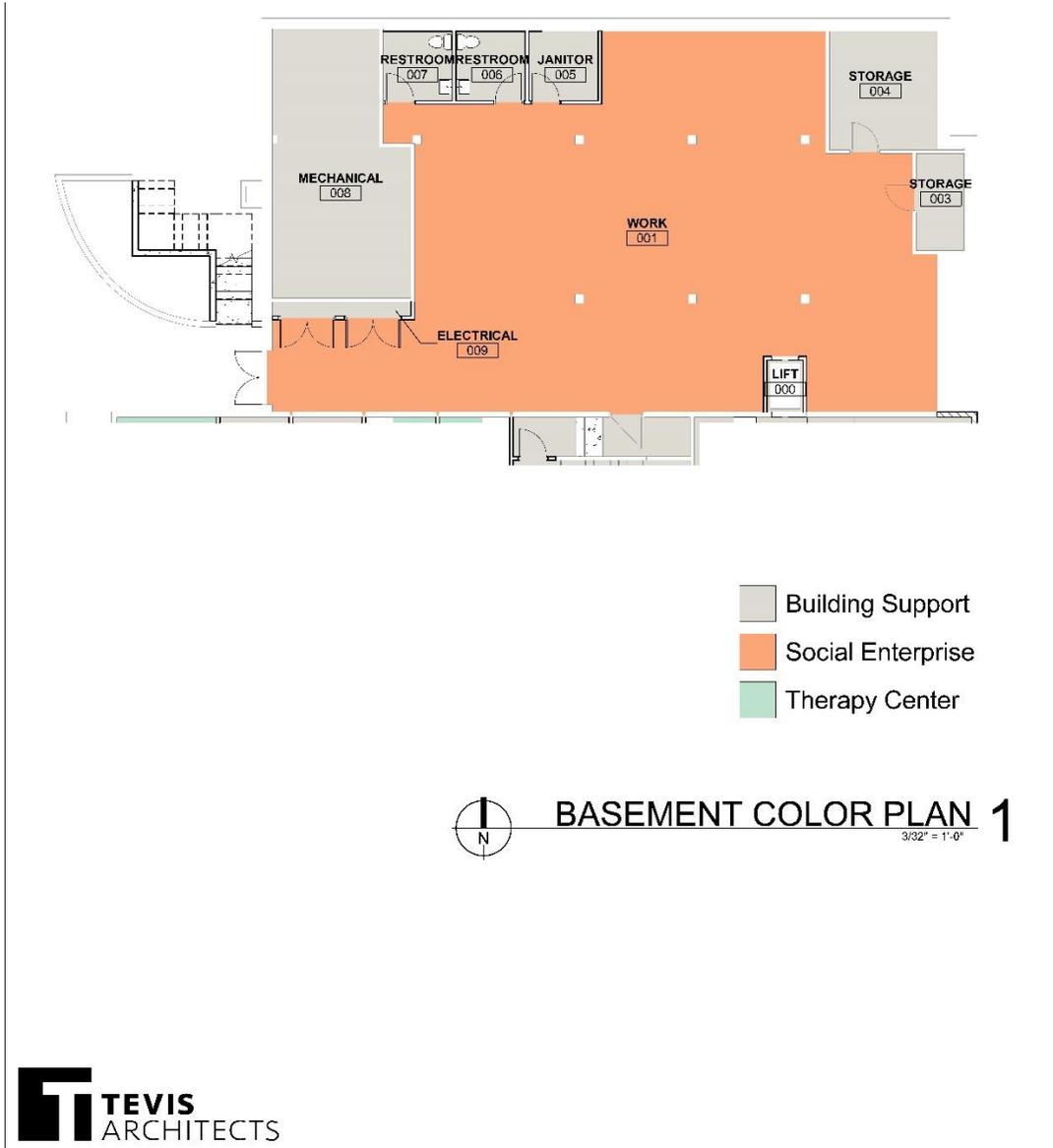


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DSG Lifelong Learning Center: 5916 Dearborn—Basement



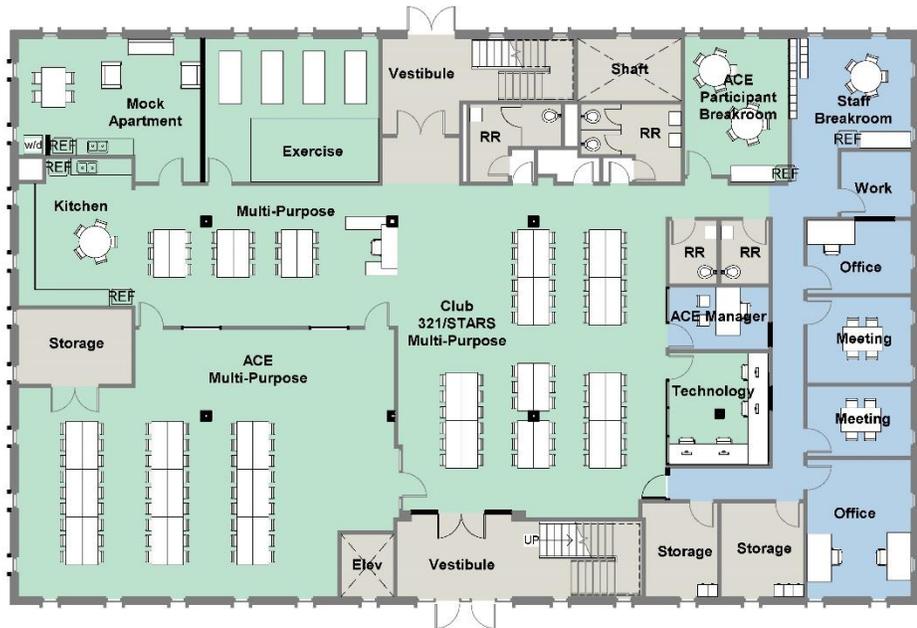
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Organizational Background

The Sunderland Foundation was established in 1945 by Lester T. Sunderland, who served as President of the Ash Grove Cement Company for 33 years as a highly respected leader in the cement industry. Since its inception, the Foundation, which continues to be led by Lester T. Sunderland's descendants, has focused on supporting construction projects, awarding grants to nonprofits in the Kansas City region and other markets traditionally served by the Ash Grove Cement Company. [Learn more >>](#)

The Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City (DSG) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide support and resources for individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the professionals who serve them. Founded in June 1984, DSG seeks to provide the community with information and education to broaden awareness and foster positive attitudes regarding people with Down syndrome. To learn more, please call 913-384-4848 or [visit >>](#)