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Faucette House Kitchen Reveal

"The more you know, the more you can create. There's no end to imagination in the kitchen."

-Julia Child

Thanks to generous funding from a Spartanburg County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Broad River Electric Coop, the Spartanburg County Foundation, and Michael and Gisele Hastings, the long-awaited kitchen renovation of our Faucette House program is complete and functional as of August. The dream for this new space began in 2018 when conversations with staff highlighted the operational problems in the closed-off, inefficient, and tired kitchen and dining space. The previous kitchen update had taken place over 20 years prior. McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture designed the new space, and Dunbar Construction Company, Inc. completed the construction.

The innovative space captures the adage, "The kitchen is the heart of the home." It is lovely, bright, and open to the dining area and living spaces in the rest of the home. Faucette House primarily serves teens in DSS custody, all of whom are actively working toward high school degree completion. Like many families, youth and staff enjoy gathering together at the end of the day to discuss the day's events, play a game, or work through homework problems. In addition, the breakfast bar is a great spot to share an early morning tea while keeping an eye on biscuits in the oven.

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Dining Room: Before



Dining Room: After



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FH Kitchen Reveal (continued)

A priority for Hope Center for Children's residential programs is to provide as home-like an environment as possible. Keeping in mind that every youth we serve is with us because they have experienced abuse or neglect, family teachers and our program supervisors do their best to address each child's individual needs. They work tirelessly to infuse daily life with an environment where youth can express ideas and feelings creatively. For example, the Faucette House Supervisor, Taylor Thompson, recently shared, "The residents love the kitchen. It's spacious and gives a home-like feel! One of our residents stated recently, 'Finally, a big kitchen for some good ole soul food!'"

Additionally, a component of the evidence-based Teaching-Family Model used in our residential programs is to work with youth to set goals and build up their repertoire of life skills. These skills include learning to cook, manage finances and a home, and personal care, all of which will help them move toward successful, self-sufficient futures. This kitchen space goes beyond providing essential, basic meals. It engages each resident in the processes of building healthy relationships with peers and adults, learning food preparation and healthy eating habits, and providing a comfortable and welcoming space to process and move toward healing. Soul food, indeed.



Kitchen: Before



Kitchen: After

Thank you to these generous funders for 2021 grant awards:

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Salary support for residential programs

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Triple P program needs

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New Senior Leadership

We'd like to welcome Maddi Currier as Hope Center for Children's new Director of Development. Maddi has served HCFC as the Development Associate for the past 4 years. She earned her credentialing as a Certified Fundraising Executive in 2020 and brings a lot

of knowledge and skill to her new role. In addition to the resume that Maddi has built as a fundraising professional, her passion and commitment for the mission of Hope Center for Children will serve the children and families in our care well. Maddi will also serve as the newest member of the Senior Leadership Team and help guide the future of the agency.



Building Her Life

*Sara, a former resident of Hope Center for Children's Transitional Living Program (TLP), is a mother of a two-year-old girl and the first in her family to graduate high school. Her mother, father, and older sisters all dropped out of high school at different points; Sara assumed that she would do the same until she had her daughter. Sara wanted to care for her daughter and provide for her in ways that she'd never had, but she couldn't get the support she needed at home to complete school and manage to parent her daughter. So Sara left home and ended up at TLP, where staff was able to help Sara apply for vouchers to cover child care while she completed her classes and find academic support to bring up her grades.

Sara graduated in May and is now working full-time while planning her post-graduate studies. While at TLP, she worked to get her driver's license and saved enough to purchase a car, allowing her to get a better job to build her savings. She is currently applying to local colleges and hopes to stay in the area where she has built a supportive community and established a stable life for her and her daughter. TLP has helped Sara to build confidence, life skills, and consistent routines that will help her to continue to succeed and thrive.



**Name changed to protect privacy.*

Urgent Needs

Gift cards from \$5-\$25 for stores like Walmart or Target are needed. These are used for immediate or unexpected needs for the children and teens in our care or families we serve.

Interested in holding a gift card drive for HCFC? Please contact Angela Singleton at asingleton@hopecfc.org.

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Hope Center for Children is looking for caring, talented people to join our team. Positions and application process may be found here:

<https://hopecfc.bamboohr.com/jobs/>



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- ❄ Sponsor a holiday wish list for a child or family in our care.
- ❄ Give money or gift cards for the holidays, and we'll ensure each child has a memorable experience, even if they arrive in our care a few days, or even hours, before a holiday.
- ❄ Donate a meal during Thanksgiving or Christmas breaks.

Contact Angela Singleton at asingleton@hopecfc.org or (864) 583-7688 ext. 132 for more information.

Save the Date!

#GIVINGTUESDAY

November 30, 2021

Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday ... **Giving Tuesday!**

Giving Tuesday began in 2012, its goal to encourage a shift away from consumerism and instead focus on collective giving toward needs in local communities. Fueled by the power of social media and collaboration, small individual gifts result in large local impact. This year at Hope Center for Children, your gift will go directly toward our **Transitional Living Program!** This program provides support for young men and women ages 16-22 who have aged out of foster care or have no safe place to live, by providing shelter, life skills classes, and guidance from caring adults as they learn to succeed living independently.

Mark your calendars for #GivingTuesday, and make sure to like/follow Hope Center for Children on Facebook or Instagram. For more information or to get involved early, contact Maddi Currier at mcurrier@hopecfc.org.

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