



United Methodist  
Community House

# Creating A PLACE TO BELONG

Community is more than just the place we live. It is where we find belonging and people who care for us. It's what makes us feel safe, and gives us strength.

For more than 100 years, UMCH has been that place. But we can, and must, do more. Filled with faith in our community, we have a plan to help even more people find a place to belong.



**70% OF FAMILIES**  
in Grand Rapids  
rely on full-day,  
full-year child  
development  
services+.



**1 IN 2 CHILDREN**  
in Kent County  
don't have access  
to licensed child  
development  
seats



**98% OF SENIORS**  
say Grand Rapids  
needs a dedicated  
senior center for  
adults aged 50+.

## A PLACE FOR CHILDREN

Childcare for ages 0-2 is desperately lacking in Kent County. We will significantly increase spots for more children to receive loving, trusted, safe care.



**0-2 Year Olds**  
Currently: 32 spots  
Adding: 40 spots



**3-4 Year Olds**  
Currently: 32 spots  
Adding: 32 spots



**2nd Shift Care**  
16 new spots



**Crisis Drop-In Care**  
30 spots (added in 2021)

## A PLACE FOR SENIORS

Grand Rapids is home to more than 50,000 residents aged 50+, but is lacking enough affordable housing and a dedicated senior activity center. We will help seniors age in place with strength, health, and wholeness.



**46 UNITS**  
of affordable rental  
housing for ages 60+



Health, wellness & social  
activity space for  
**500+ SENIORS DAILY**

## A PLACE FOR ALL

Everybody deserves to feel deeply rooted in community — to have the resources they need and to feel a true sense of belonging.

- We will dedicate space for an intergenerational research laboratory and programs in partnership with area colleges and universities.
- Our Fresh Market, which provides the public with affordable, locally-grown produce, will have a permanent home.
- Multi-purpose areas will offer a place for community to come together.

## A PLACE WHERE INNOVATION MEETS INCLUSION

When it comes to solutions to better support our community, UMCH has never been afraid to be the first to try, and then share success. We believe equity is a direct outcome of inclusion, and continue to invite all to join us at the table.

## A PLACE WHERE OUR COMMUNITY IS STRENGTHENED

This plan ensures more children can thrive, more families can work, and more seniors can be healthy in body, mind, and spirit. This plan will help families get back to work, remove isolation, and make our economy stronger for decades to come.

**\$30+ MILLION**  
in economic activity  
during construction  
phase

**\$3+ MILLION**  
annual increase  
in household  
purchasing power

**\$7+ MILLION**  
in new annual  
economic activity

**50 NEW JOBS**  
created

**\$900K+**  
annual community healthcare  
cost savings for seniors

*We Need You!*

Your support helps build a stronger, healthier, and more resilient community, especially for our youngest and oldest neighbors. **Won't you join us?**

