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Springfield Area Parent Child Center Building a Healthy Future for Families



In 2006 the Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC) served 1,500 children and their families with **life-changing services** such as childcare, education and early intervention for infants and toddlers, as well as education and job training for young parents.

Just two years later in 2008, **the numbers more than doubled** with over 3,500 children and families using SAPCC programs. SAPCC has now run out of space at its current facility and has been forced to establish waiting lists for its vulnerable young clients.

To alleviate the **acute shortage of space** SAPCC will construct a new 12,000 square foot headquarters building on the lot next door to its current facility at 2 Main Street, North Springfield. This will increase the size of its existing space by 50% and **allow for the dramatic expansion of services** to an additional 1,500 families and their children over the next three years. The Center has accumulated three quarters of the \$3.9 million cost of the project through its modest endowment and other secured financing with the remainder being sought through a charitable fundraising campaign.

The envisioned facility will help SAPCC to:

- meet current demand plus verifiable increases over the next five years;
- create resources that allow for new programs and services;
- strengthen and expand the collaboration of public and private agencies serving the needs of young parents and children.

Background

SAPCC was incorporated as a 501 (c)3 agency in 1992, and is governed by a nine-member voluntary board of directors. Its mission is “**strong communities, one family at a time.**”



SAPCC focuses on the youngest members of the community – newborns, infants, toddlers and their parents– by providing a comprehensive range of services in a 15 town region including Andover, Bellows Falls, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Reading, Londonderry, Ludlow, Plymouth, Saxtons River, Springfield, Weathersfield, Windham, Windsor and West Windsor. SAPCC is the host agency for the Windsor South Family, Infant and Toddler Program and is a member of the Vermont Parent Child Center Network.

SAPCC offers six core program areas: (1) Home Visits; (2) Parent Education and Support; (3) Child Care Support; (4) Onsite Education and Training; (5) Community Playgroups; and (6) Early Care & Intervention. More comprehensive information can be found on our campaign website: www.fundraising.org/icase/sapcc/.

Working Together to Better Our Communities

SAPCC plays a key role with Children’s Integrated Services, coordinating services with the Vermont Dept. of Health, Visiting Nurses Association and HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitation Services). The Parent Child Center also **collaborates with all other agencies** that serve children and families in the region. Examples include their “Welcome Babies” program in collaboration with the Dept. of Health and Springfield Hospital, the “Reach Up” program working with the Dept. of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation and Economic Services, and, the “Early Intervention” and “Public Preschool” programs in collaboration with the region’s public school systems. The Center’s services are provided regardless of ability to pay.

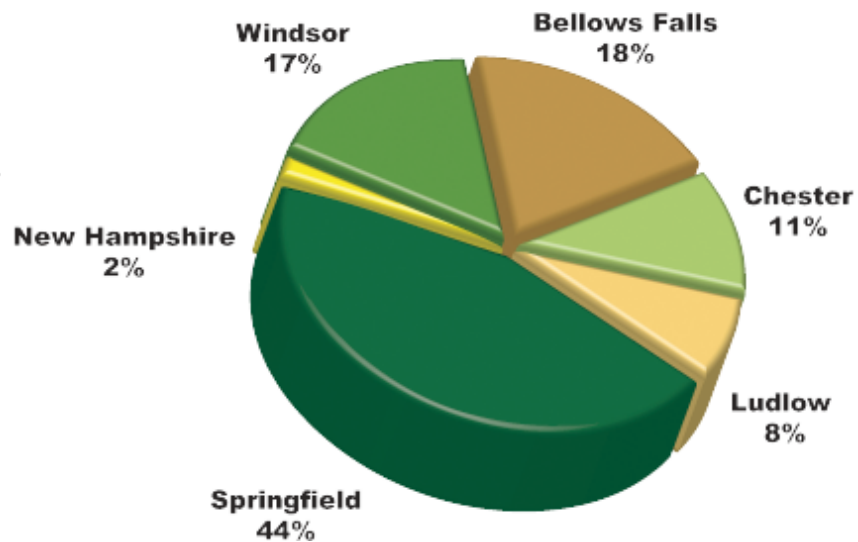
Fiscally Sound Now and In the Future

Since its founding in 1992, SAPCC has operated **in the black every year** without exception and, going forward, projects net income and cash on hand to meet or exceed expenses when its new building is complete.

Those Served By SAPCC

While SAPCC serves all families regardless of circumstances, many are disadvantaged in some significant way. Some are young women in their teens with one or more children. Many are unemployed or underemployed, have yet to finish high school and are likely deficient in workplace and parenting skills.

SAPCC is oftentimes the only hope for a young family in need, a lifeline that offers programs and services that are not available anywhere else in the community.



Meeting a Critical Need in the Region

The Springfield area is one of the most at-risk regions in Vermont for parents and children. Fifty-six percent of the families served by SAPCC have incomes below the federal poverty rate. Many others are of moderate income but struggling financially. According to Vermont's Agency of Human Services and Department of Health:

- Just 28% of Springfield children are deemed ready for kindergarten
- Substantiated child abuse and neglect is nearly double the state average
- Teen pregnancy in the Springfield area is 41% above the state average



Springfield would suffer as a community without this very important resource.

Dr. Amy Ferguson, Pediatrician



The Parent Child Center is a fantastic investment. In fact I think it's a critical investment if we're going to see our children be successful.

Frank Perotti, Springfield Superintendent of Schools

The Need for a New Building

SAPCC's current 8,000 square foot building is wholly inadequate for current services and represents an absolute barrier to growth. Every week SAPCC turns away young families who have asked for help because it does not have the space to accommodate them.

The current building is used for a myriad of purposes, all necessary to improve the lives of young families. In addition to providing program space, the building squeezes in office space for administrators and home visit staff with personnel stacked 5 to 6 per room. It also hosts a thrift store known as Myrtle's Closet, part of a job training program for teen parents. Thirteen outside doors create significant security hazards and the configuration of the building complicates and impedes staff communication.



The Parent Child Center's current facilities are in a converted apartment building.

Illustrative of these space constraints is the ***severe impact*** on the Center's Learning Together (LT) Program, an alternative high school and job skill training program for pregnant teens and young mothers. ***Currently the LT Program can accommodate these teens only while they are still pregnant. Once they have their babies they must leave the program because there are no child care slots open for their infants.***

This situation persists even though SAPCC has added 18 full time childcare slots in the past 6 years. The Center currently maintains a waiting list for an additional 9 slots and anticipates that demand will increase by another sixty-five percent in the next three years.

The new building will provide for twenty new childcare slots giving the Center the resources it needs to pursue the key goal of the LT Program: to double the number of teen parents in the Springfield area who complete high school and move on to productive, paid employment.



The space that they have here – they're just cramped. People falling all over each other in the offices trying to do their work, trying to care for kids. There's definitely a need for a new building.

Paul Kendall, President, Lawrence & Wheeler Insurance

Project Timetable, Budget and Financing

SAPCC purchased the lot next door to its current location and has been working with architects, engineers and a project manager.

The project is now “shovel ready” and construction will commence in 2010 pending the completion of final aspects of funding.

Construction Costs:

Development and Construction	\$ 2,850,000
Land and Rights	75,000
Professional Fees	416,000
Interim Financing Costs	8,000
Contingency	<u>526,350</u>
Total:	\$ 3,875,350

Financing:

USDA Rural Development Loan	\$ 2,275,350
Available SAPCC funds	600,000
Public Capital Campaign	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total:	\$ 3,875,350

The total cost of the project is just under \$4 million dollars. SAPCC has identified sources for \$3 million of the \$4 million from bank financing and the use of a modest endowment accumulated over the years. The remaining \$1 million will be raised from charitable sources in a public capital campaign.



Board of Directors

SAPCC was incorporated as a 501(c)3 agency in 1992, and is governed by a board of directors composed of eight voluntary members plus the executive director.

Tracey Cummings Tanny, Chairperson
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Springfield, VT

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Ludlow, VT

SAPCC Income & Expense

Income & Expenses	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009*
Revenues:			
Public grants	\$867,782	\$897,130	\$924,178
Annual gifts and grants	\$59,291	\$55,640	\$78,105
Tuition	\$255,583	\$314,090	\$298,880
Sales and fees	\$10,834	\$26,730	\$26,300
Medicaid	\$60,021	\$54,740	\$104,687
Interest and Dividend Income	\$13,531	\$10,880	\$10,000
Total Income	\$1,267,042	\$1,359,210	\$1,442,150
Expenses:			
Salaries and benefits	\$933,725	\$1,069,528	\$1,157,200
Occupancy expense	\$31,292	\$23,760	\$26,000
Office expenses	\$63,419	\$78,720	\$85,910
Supplies and materials	\$63,601	\$76,320	\$66,220
Repairs and Maintenance	\$7,122	\$12,250	\$15,900
Utilities	\$15,272	\$13,330	\$16,800
Property taxes	\$12,000	\$15,140	\$16,000
Depreciation	\$18,584	\$19,000	\$19,000
Total Expenses	\$1,145,015	\$1,308,048	\$1,403,030
Net Income	\$ 122,027	\$ 51,162	\$ 39,120

**Budget only*