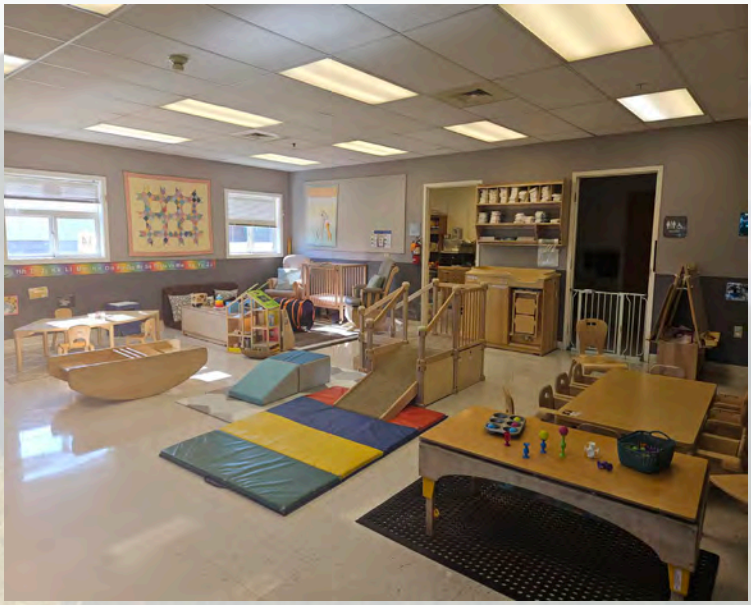
EVERY CANYON FAMILY, A HEALTHY FAMILY,

the campaign for Doris's New Place

FAMILIES IN **THE CANYON** FACE UNIQUE STRESSORS



At Family Building Blocks, we believe that all parents want what is best for their children. The families we serve are facing overwhelming life circumstances and without intervention, child maltreatment and neglect is too often the outcome of such desperation.

In the Santiam Canyon, families are facing a unique set of stressors that when combined can jeopardize the safety of children and the health of the community. While an average American family faces three stressors putting them at risk for potential abuse and neglect, the families we partner with face, on average, ten toxic stressors.

Family stressors in the Santiam Canyon:

- ***Wildfires:*** the community is still rebuilding from the 2020 wildfires. A recent study by Oregon State University found that of those displaced by the fires, 87% remain in temporary housing. Housing loss increases stress on families and the likelihood of depression and anxiety.
- ***Financial hardship:*** 20% of children in the Santiam Canyon School District are living in poverty. This rate is higher than the number of children in poverty in Marion County (15%), the State (12.9%) and the Nation (16.1%). (Source: Census 2021) For students across the Canyon (Santiam School District, Cascade School District and North Santiam School District), nearly 40% are economically disadvantaged. (Source: Oregon Department of Education)
- ***Rural location:*** The Santiam Canyon's rural setting increases barriers to accessing services, like healthcare, lack of public transportation and more.
- ***Child Care:*** The Santiam Canyon is a child care desert – meaning there are more than three pre-school age children for every child care slot available. For infants and toddlers its eight children for every one slot. (Source: Ford Family Foundation)

WITH DORIS'S NEW PLACE, MORE FAMILIES CAN KEEP THEIR CHILDREN SAFE AND HEALTHY

Established in 2010, Doris's Place is the Santiam Canyon home of Family Building Blocks (FBB). Doris's Place was the third Relief Nursery FBB established, today we boast six across our two county region. We partner with families who are facing overwhelming life circumstances while raising children prenatal through five years through our free and voluntary prevention services.

With our mission to "Keep Children Safe and Families Together" as our guide, FBB works to:

- **Reduce child and family risk factors associated with increased risk of child maltreatment.**
- **Improve family stability and functioning (e.g., improved coping, consistent family routines).**
- **Improve parents' ability to successfully parent their children.**
- **Support positive child development and well-being.**

FBB does not wait for families to find us. We actively reach out to families at hospitals, resource fairs & events, self-sufficiency classes, teen parent programs, and more. Families are often referred as a result of our relationship with community partners and, due to our excellent community reputation, many families self-refer. Agency-wide we serve 1300 children per year across 850 families in Marion and Polk Counties.

History of Doris's Place: Over a dozen years ago, the Doris J. Wipper Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) and Ted and Diane Freres, major supporters of Family Building Blocks in the Santiam Canyon, helped bring our critical prevention programs to families living in the rural towns of Aumsville, Detroit, Gates, Idaha, Lyons, Mehama, Mill City, Sublimity, and Stayton. Today, our services operate out of two rented spaces in the Cascade Resource Center. Over the last decade, the Doris J. Wipper Fund of OCF has invested over $1,200,000 in Doris's Place.

Since 2010, FBB has served 360 children across 300 families in the Canyon through our Relief Nursery services and Healthy Families program – a free, voluntary home visiting program that offers support and education to families with children up to three years old. With the expanded classroom space, Doris's New Place will directly touch the lives of up to 100 families annually.

PREVENTION IS THE WAY

FBB programs are focused on prevention. We support parents and foster positive childhood experiences to address the stressors facing families and increase the likelihood of keeping children safe and families together. As we come alongside families in the Canyon:

- Children will remain living safely in their homes and avoid the trauma of child abuse and neglect, as a result of their parents' positive choices and reduced stress.
- Children will develop skills that will prepare them to enter school ready to learn and succeed.
- Parents will gain knowledge and confidence in parenting and work toward gaining skills to become self-sufficient.
- 3 classrooms available for use by other Stayton-area nonprofits.

When the doors open, Doris's New Place will serve:

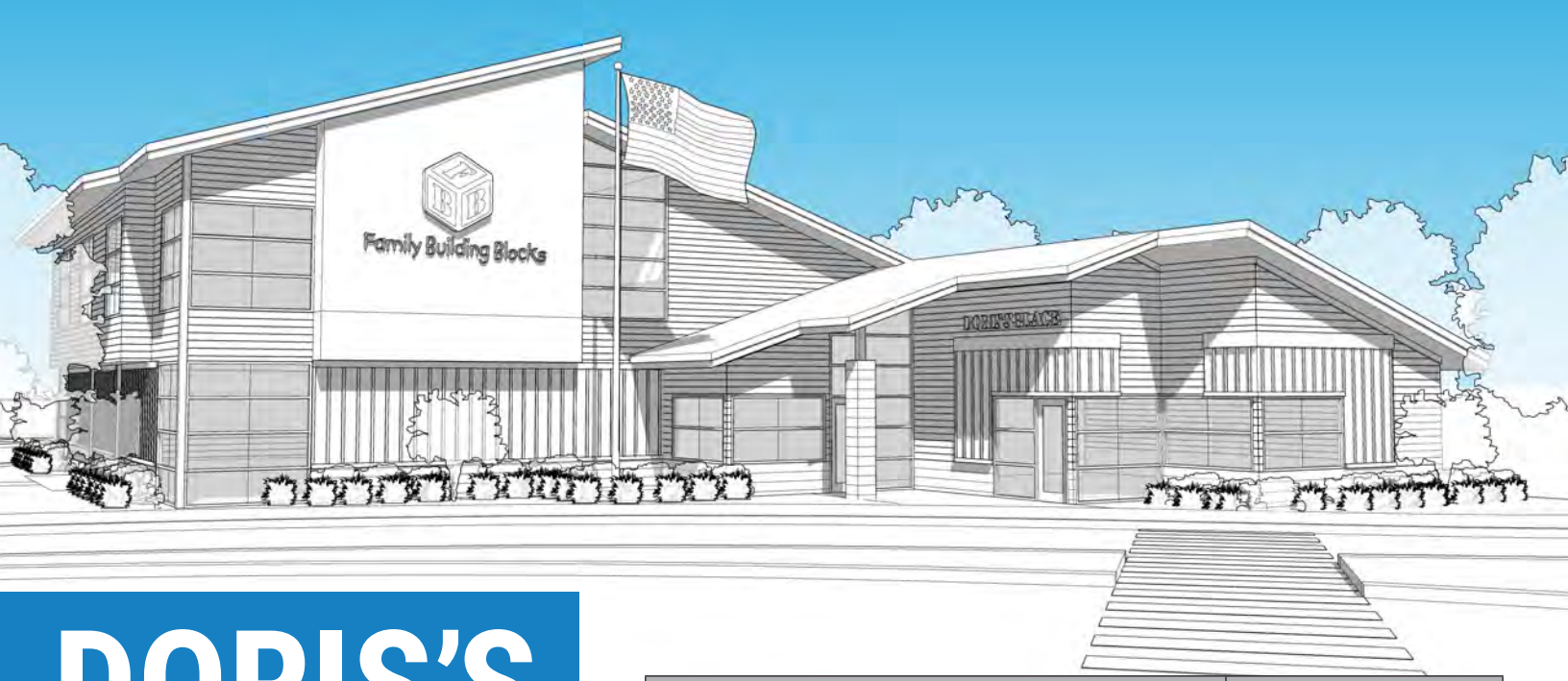
- **32 young children (a 100% increase, up from 16 children now),**
- **37 families with home visiting services,**
- **48 parents with parenting classes,**
- **Weekly playgroups, bolstering parent/child attachment for dozens of families, and**
- **Hundreds of families with food, diapers, clothing and other basic needs**

Today Doris's Place offers one therapeutic classroom, parenting classes, community playgroups and operates a Home Visiting Program. Doris's New Place will expand our ability to serve children 0 to 5. When we open the doors of Doris's New Place, we will immediately double our classrooms, have a room dedicated to play therapy, and have two flexible spaces for early childhood services, such as child care. It will also bring our food pantry, diaper bank, clothing closet, Healthy Families staff and classrooms all under one roof, increasing access to services for our families.

In the long-term, FBB plans to locate a Mental Health Therapist at Doris's New Place. While FBB's programs have always been grounded in mental health, for some children the only way to build positive relationships with their parent is through therapy, guided by a mental health clinician with expertise in serving children impacted by trauma. Unfortunately, Canyon families have severely limited access to such services.

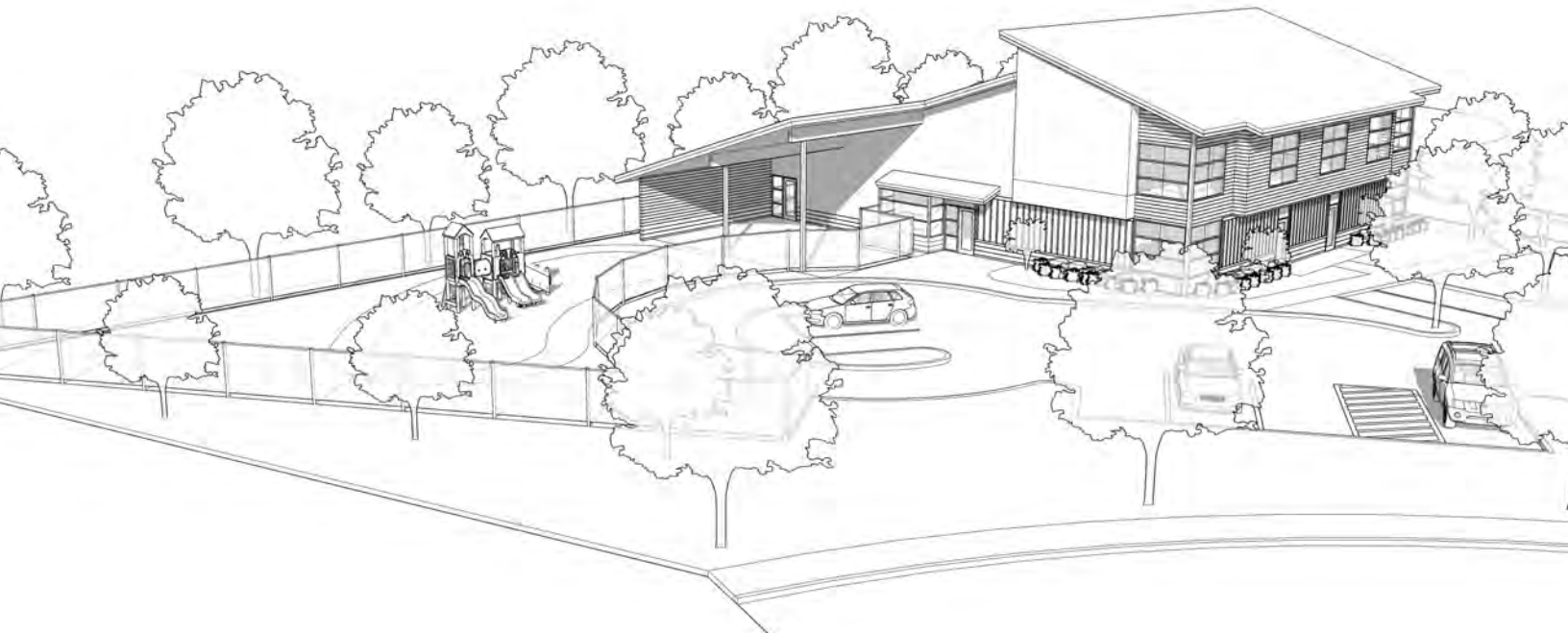
Building features include:

- Two classrooms
- Food pantry
- Clothing closet
- Diaper bank
- Reception area
- Kitchen
- Bus parking
- Infant/Toddler Bathrooms
- Staff offices
- Two age-appropriate playgrounds
- Two flexible spaces for early childhood partners
- A play therapy room



DORIS'S NEW PLACE

Expense	
Land	$364,000
Construction, Landscaping, Paving	$3,304,000
Architecture, Engineering, Fees	$440,000
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	$100,000
Playgrounds	$100,000
TOTAL	$4,308,000



YOUR GIFT TODAY GIVES CANYON CHILDREN *A BETTER TOMORROW*

Gift Amount	# of Gifts Needed	Cumulative Total
$1,500,000	1	$1,500,000
$500,000	1	$2,000,000
$250,000	3	$3,000,000
$100,000	3	$3,300,000
$75,000	3	$3,600,000
$50,000	5	$3,850,000
$25,000	10	$4,100,000
$10,000	15	$4,250,000
$5,000	20	$4,350,000
Totals	**64**	**$4,350,000**

HOW TO GIVE

- Cash donations
- Multi-year pledge
- Gifts of stock or another appreciated asset
- IRA Charitable Rollover
- Real Estate

LEADING THE WAY
to Doris's New Place

"I am passionate about the health of children and families in the Santiam Canyon, and Family Building Blocks is committed to strengthening the families with young children in our community. I am thrilled that Family Building Blocks is deepening its commitment to Canyon families by building a new permanent location for Doris's Place." –Deana Freres, Stayton Resident and FBB Board Member

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