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The Centers Purchases Medical Office Building on St. Vincent Charity Campus to relocate Headquarters to the Central Neighborhood.

Cleveland, OH, March 25, 2024 — The Centers is pleased to announce the purchase and planned relocation of its Headquarters¹ which includes administrative offices and a Health Center focused on providing integrated care to people with behavioral health conditions to the former St. Vincent Charity Medical Office Building located at 2322 E 22nd Street, Cleveland, OH 44115 in Cleveland’s Central Neighborhood. This move reflects the core of our strategic plan which is to successfully integrate and increase access to our services that significantly improve outcomes and address inequities for the people and communities we serve.

The Centers already has a presence in the neighborhood as one of its 5-Star Head Start Early Learning Centers, “Bingham Early Learning Center” located at 2421 Central Avenue serves local families. This move will bring a range of additional, much-needed integrated healthcare and social services to the Central Neighborhood. “We believe that the new Central location provides a much better setting and accessibility to integrated healthcare for individuals living with behavioral health conditions,” said Lisa B. Forbes, Board Chair at The Centers. “Based on our recent study findings, the new site will be more accessible to our existing patients who rely on public transit. We will also seek to provide care to new patients by engaging the people who live in the neighborhood through various community-based outreach services and partnerships with local organizations and community leaders.”

“The closing of St. Vincent’s Medical Center created a social services gap in the Central Neighborhood,” said Eric L. Morse, President and CEO at The Centers. “Our goal is to become an anchor institution by providing accessible, high-quality services that address the unique needs of the residents, joining with residents and community partners to foster a healthier and more vibrant community.” Additionally, after conducting a cost analysis, it was determined that the funding needed to renovate the existing Healthcare Center at 4500 Euclid Avenue was twice the amount anticipated for the needed renovations of the Medical Office Building.

Considering the funding needs, The Centers has launched a Capital Campaign to support the necessary modernization of the newly purchased building. Fundraising efforts have begun, and support will be requested from philanthropic and government partners. Renovations are anticipated to be completed in the first quarter of 2026. The building will contain an expanded clinical care space, grow behavioral health care services, and grow support services, among other enhancements.

“As a member of the City Council, my primary objective is to serve the constituents of Ward 5 by

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advocating for the provision of resources and support necessary for our community's growth and prosperity," said Richard A. Starr, Councilman, Ward 5. "I am pleased to announce that The Centers have established their headquarters within Ward 5, a significant step toward meeting our community's needs. The Centers have been working towards providing essential resources and services for over 50 years, and their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for individuals and families is admirable. The Centers' efforts have helped countless individuals combat the challenges posed by poverty, inadequate education and job training, drug addiction, physical health concerns, and mental health issues. Welcome home!"

"We are so pleased to welcome The Centers to East 22nd Street and Central Avenue to join us in the Central neighborhood. We are eager to collaborate with them to provide wider and deeper levels of service to those who need our help the most," said Jan Murphy, President and CEO, Sisters of Charity Health System. "As a well-respected and trusted provider, they will be an outstanding partner in our common mission of improving the health and well-being of the residents of Central and the surrounding neighborhoods."

About The Centers: The Centers fights for equity by healing, teaching, and inspiring individuals and families to reach their full potential. Our integrated model coordinates health and wellness services, including primary care, behavioral health care, addiction services, HIV treatment, in-house pharmacies, and dental, along with family support programs, including early childhood development, career training, and job placement. The organization is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit organizations in Northeast Ohio, serving more than 20,000 people annually in our community. Visit TheCentersOhio.org to learn more.