



Children's Friend at Dorcas International *Providence, Rhode Island*



Building Exterior

Many non-profit community-based organizations (CBOs), especially human service organizations, have underutilized space in their existing buildings due to changes in programmatic funding. Seeing the opportunity to generate revenue, fill a client need and foster a collaborative, like-missioned partnership, Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island and Children's Friend combined efforts to open one preschool classroom in an unused wing at Dorcas International's inner city Providence location.

Dorcas International works to empower refugees and immigrants in the Providence community by providing vital programs and services for legal aid and representation for citizenship and immigration, refugee resettlement and education to help the population it serves to thrive and be successful. Many of their clients needed and requested child care services in order to take full advantage of the organization's offerings. Knowing they didn't have the capacity to provide high quality child care, they partnered with Children's Friend, a high quality early education program operator who had been seeking additional space, to provide this service on site.

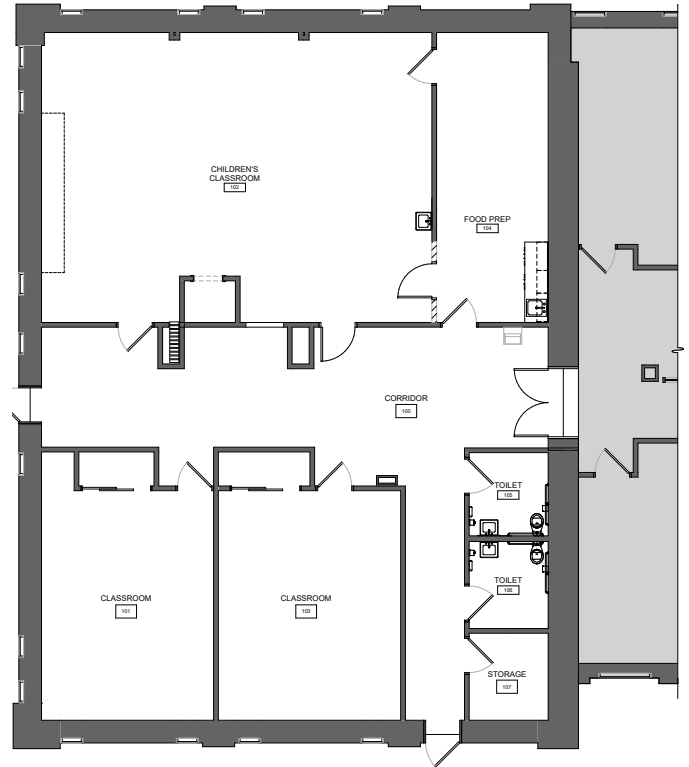
The open space with already adjacent bathrooms required only minimal upgrades to make it usable for preschool programming. The most significant change was to the outside, where 11 parking spaces were absorbed to create a safe and secure outdoor play space.

There are future plans to expand much-needed infant and toddler child care programming using other available space at this location.



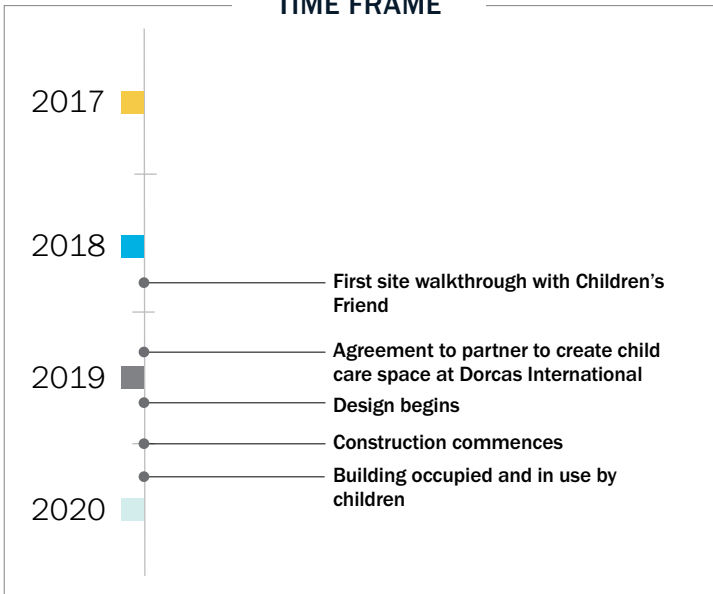
PROJECT DETAILS

Year Completed	2019
Construction Type	Interior renovation
Total Development Cost	\$128,000
Sources of Funds/Capital Stack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Donations ▪ Private Funds (shared between the two partnering agencies)
Square Footage	630 SF
# of Children	18
# of Classrooms	1 preschool classroom
Construction Cost/Child	\$7,111/child
Construction Cost/SF	\$203/SF



First Floor Plan
Design by Vision 3 Architects

TIME FRAME



Classroom Interior - After