

How strong is Stewpot operationally?

Your gift is a sound investment in helping Stewpot better meet the needs of the neediest in our community. Since its founding, Stewpot has operated on a lean budget. Stewpot's leadership believes that a combination of faith in God, sound management, and strengthened relationships with donors will ensure Stewpot's continued existence and growth.

What is the Faith Meeting Needs Campaign 2010?

This capital campaign is the largest fundraising initiative ever undertaken by Stewpot Community Services. While the growth in services makes it possible to provide more meaningful assistance, it has become increasingly challenging to make those services easily accessible. This campaign is being launched to improve both Stewpot's effectiveness and reach.

What is the campaign goal?

The campaign goal is \$4 million. It is hoped that two initiatives will comprise this goal: (1) A local initiative to raise a minimum of \$2 million, and (2) A national foundation initiative to garner grants to match local contributions.

What will this campaign accomplish?

The *Faith Meeting Needs Campaign 2010* will fund needed capital improvements for a number of Stewpot programs with a focus on two important changes: (1) Making all areas of the Central Urban Ministry Center accessible to people who are wheelchair bound or who have physical disabilities that prevent them from using stairs, and (2) Reclaiming the sacred sanctuary space and, as a result, fully utilizing the Central Urban Ministry Center.

Specific improvements include:

Central Urban Ministry Center – \$3,020,000

- Transforming the large, unused spaces in the sanctuary area into a new kitchen and spacious dining room where lunch will be served daily and community meetings can be held for large groups. The current balcony space will be transformed into much needed storage space.
- Relocating the chapel and food pantry program next to the new dining room
- Creating an inviting courtyard between the two buildings that make up the Central Urban Ministry Center
- Moving after-school programs, some of which are currently off campus, into their own space at the Central Urban Ministry Center
- Making space to eventually set up a daycare program in the current clothing closet

Shelter and Feeding Areas – \$15,000

- Installing ultraviolet lights in air controllers to prevent the spread of airborne diseases such as tuberculosis

Opportunity Center Day Shelter – \$100,000

- Installing bathroom and shower facilities

Billy Brumfield Homeless Shelter for Men – \$45,000

- Renovating bathrooms
- Creating office and storage space

Vehicle Purchases – \$160,000

- Two vans for children's programs
- Two vans for shelter programs

Flowers Emergency Shelter for Women and Children – \$75,000

- Retire mortgage

Maintenance Endowment & Organizational Capacity Building – \$585,000

- A newly created grant-writing position will focus on securing additional operations funding from new and current sources.
- A maintenance endowment will help ensure that newly installed systems can be properly maintained to prolong their life span and use.

Does it make architectural sense to repurpose the existing building?

This space will be repurposed to once again provide nourishment – not only for the soul but for the body, too! Architects have assured Stewpot that reclaiming and transforming this significant asset will be cost effective and will create a community area to honor and celebrate those who come to Stewpot. Additionally, more storage space will be gained in the current sanctuary balcony. Re-using the sanctuary in a new, sustainable way is good stewardship for Stewpot and the environment. New mechanical and electrical systems, along with a new roof, will be required.

Will Stewpot be able to afford the operations cost associated with a larger facility?

Cost studies have been performed to project the operating costs of a larger facility and overall, as one might expect, some operating costs will increase because a larger space will be used, and must be heated and cooled. However, there is no doubt that the new machinery will be more efficient and cost less to operate than the current systems in place. After completing its research, Stewpot expects to be able to meet these operational costs with the addition of a grant writer and increased support from the community.