

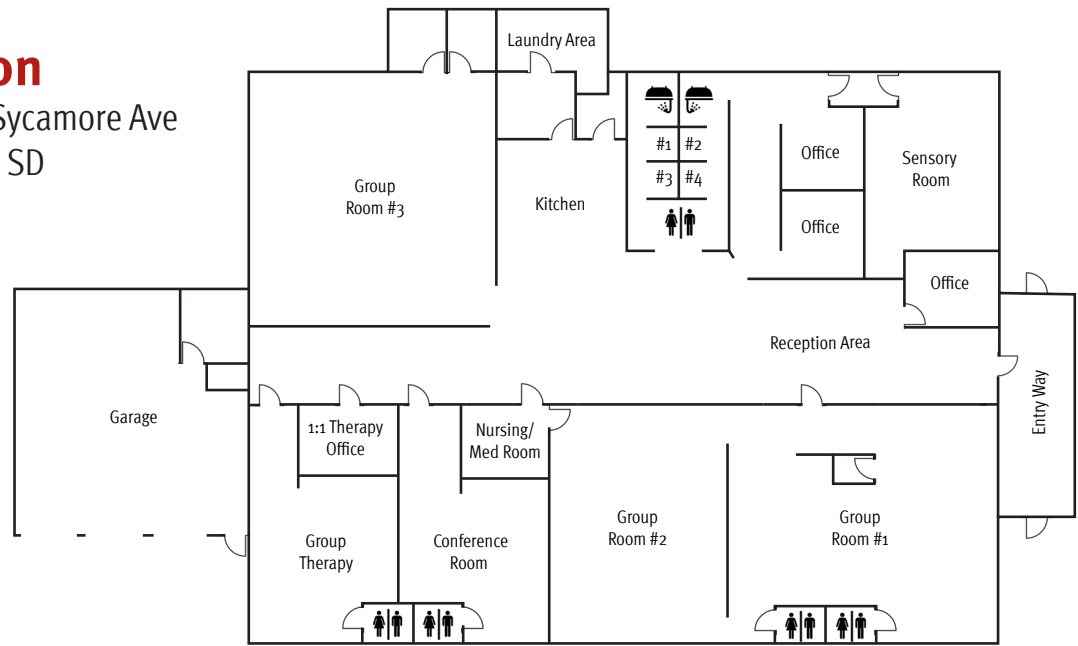
Features of the New Day Services Center

The new CHOICES Day Services Center will:

- **Expand Accessibility:** Located near a bus route, the center will enhance independence by improving access to community resources and activities.
- **Promote Skill Development:** Dedicated spaces for life skills training, such as cooking, budgeting, and personal hygiene, will empower participants to achieve greater autonomy.
- **Enhance Vocational Training:** A vocational training area will offer job skills development and support participants in securing meaningful employment.
- **Support Educational Growth:** Educational areas will focus on self-advocacy, money management, and other essential topics.
- **Provide Therapeutic Resources:** Expanded therapy rooms, including a sensory room, will accommodate music therapy, group therapy, and individual counseling sessions.
- **Foster Social Connections:** A large community room and outdoor green space will encourage social interactions and recreational activities.

Location

700 North Sycamore Ave
Sioux Falls, SD



Thank You

The new CHOICES Day Services Center represents a transformative step forward for VOA Dakotas and the individuals we serve. Your support will help empower individuals with IDD to thrive in an environment designed for their success.

Thank you for considering a commitment to guiding people to live healthy, fulfilling lives!



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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHOICES

(New CHOICES Day Services Center Campaign)



Introduction

Since its inception in 1920, Volunteers of America, Dakotas (VOA Dakotas) has been steadfast in answering the call to transform lives through a ministry of service. Called by the Gospel, our mission is to guide people to live healthy and fulfilling lives. We empower those we serve by addressing their physical, mental, and spiritual needs. Our CHOICES (Community Hope Opportunity Independence Careers Empowerment Success) program exemplifies this mission by providing comprehensive support to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

CHOICES Program Overview

Established in 1994, the CHOICES program supports individuals with IDD through a wide range of services, including residential support, day services, vocational training, and therapeutic interventions. These services empower participants to develop life skills, achieve personal goals, and foster connections within their communities.

Currently, the CHOICES program serves 259 individuals, with 50 receiving day services at our North Cleveland Avenue location in Sioux Falls, SD. While the existing building has served us well for over 15 years, its limitations hinder our ability to meet the growing and evolving needs of our participants. To continue fulfilling our mission, VOA Dakotas has initiated plans for a Day Services Center that will allow for expansion within our IDD services.



The Need for a New Center

Our vision for the new CHOICES Day Services Center is rooted in the belief that every individual deserves a space designed specifically to address their unique needs. The current space—a renovated warehouse—lacks the layout and resources necessary to fully support our participants. Further, as our services have evolved to meet the needs of the people we serve, the need for a new center has become clear.

Key challenges include:

- **Insufficient space for large group activities and therapies.**
- **Inadequate space to accommodate the increasing need to serve individuals with physical disabilities.**
- **Barriers to access public transportation.**

The new building at 700 North Sycamore Avenue will address these challenges by offering a more flexible and diverse space. The new Day Services Center is an opportunity to foster growth, independence, and community engagement.

Call to Action

Your donation will contribute to our **\$580,000** fundraising goal, supporting the development of the new Day Services Center.

Our entire community thrives when every one of its members can achieve their full potential. We invite community members, businesses, and philanthropic organizations to join us in strengthening our entire community through this critical investment.

Your support will help adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Sioux Falls realize new possibilities by:

- **Empowering individuals to achieve personal goals.**
- **Creating a safe space that champions abilities and fosters independence.**
- **Strengthening connections within the community.**

Together, we can build a center that not only meets today's needs, but also positions our community to serve future generations. Your support is an investment in a brighter, more inclusive future for all Sioux Falls.



Financial Overview

In December 2024, VOA Dakotas acquired the 12,407-square-foot property, previously known as the Apple Tree Center North. With renovations to improve the space for functionality at our CHOICES Day Services Center, the total investment is estimated at \$2,245,000.

Recognition Opportunities

To honor our donors, VOA Dakotas will:

- **Recognize gifts of \$50,000 or more with a keepsake, recognition at gift level on a permanent donor wall, and naming opportunities for specific areas of the center.**
- **Recognize gifts of \$25,000 or more with a keepsake, recognition at gift level on a permanent donor wall, and naming opportunities for specific areas of the center.**
- **Recognize gifts of any amount on a permanent donor wall in the center.**
- **Donors will be honored at an opening event and acknowledged in our quarterly newsletter.**

