



FurnitureBank
OF CENTRAL OHIO



Turning Empty Homes Into **Homes of Hope**

Furniture Bank's **Furnish Our Community Plan**

27 Years of Growth & Impact Since 1998, the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio has served nearly 80,000 families in our community. We have seen our community change over the past 27 years, and while our mission remains the same - **to reduce the impact of poverty by providing furniture to Central Ohio families and individuals struggling with severe life challenges** - unfortunately, poverty and homelessness have risen dramatically in central Ohio..

Today, 16% of all residents in Franklin County, and one in five children, live in poverty. More than 95% of the families served by the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio earn less than \$24,000/year and a large percentage are formerly homeless.



1 in 5 Children in Central Ohio live in poverty

Furnish Our Community Plan Champions

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We Provide More Than Furniture

A family would need to spend more than \$2,500 to furnish their home if items are purchased and delivered from a second-hand thrift store. This is an expense that is out of reach for families in poverty. Furniture Bank of Central Ohio is the only place in central Ohio where a family can get **15 pieces of furniture delivered to their door** the very same day they select it **for only \$220!** **How can we do this?**

The Furniture Bank of Central Ohio is able to raise 75% of the cost to serve a family through donations and our social enterprise revenue. Our nonprofit partners then work with the families to cover the remaining costs, averaging only \$220.



Furniture is more than many of us realize - it stabilizes living situations for families and creates an equitable foothold for so many. The most critical conversations take place around dinner tables and couches. It's where spouses comfort each other at the end of a long day; where parents help their children with their homework; and where children get a good night's sleep to prepare for school.

Our Impact & Success Today

- 3,500+ families served annually = 10,000 people (5,000 of them being children)
- 75+ social services agency partners
- 10,000 donors provide 65,000 pieces of gently used furniture and household items annually
- 2,500+ volunteers build or repair 5,000 pieces of furniture annually
- 3 social enterprises generate up to \$600,000 annually for operational support

Turning Empty
Houses Into

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Our \$9.7 Million Plan for Growth

To help thousands more families turn their empty houses into homes of hope, the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio has developed a **Plan to expand the capacity to provide services for up to 6,000 families in the area each year.**

It's bold, and with your help, we can do it!



The Furnish Our Community Plan will provide:

- **New 50,000+ sq. ft. Onsite Warehouse on Yale Avenue** This will eliminate our current leased warehouse costs and allow us to put \$200,000 back into services for families. Additionally, at 12 hours per day and \$15 an hour, we will save close to \$45,000 annually in efficiencies associated with drivers' costs.
- **Expanded and Updated Family Service Center** Our existing headquarters on Yale Avenue needs renovations to expand our family showroom and provide a safe, comfortable space for our clients, team and volunteers.

Plan Goal: \$9.7 Million

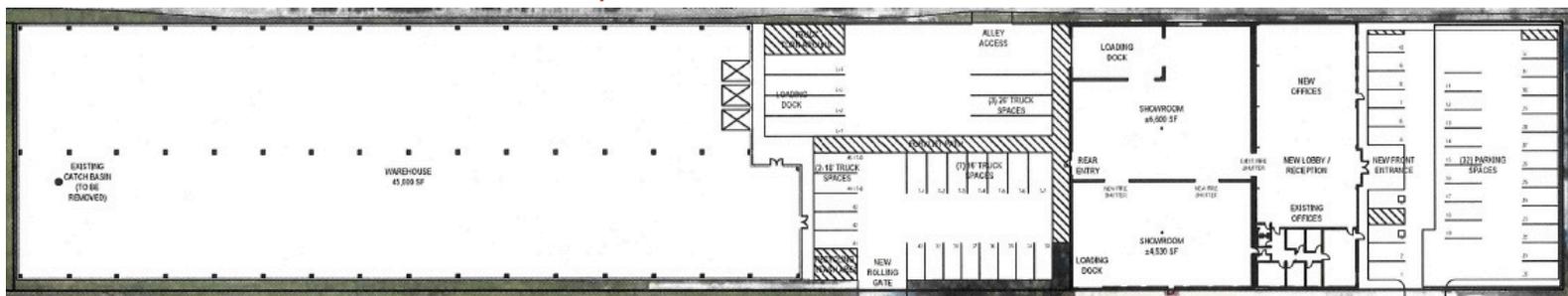
Family Showroom &
Office \$1,775,000



Upgraded, Expanded, & Centralized Headquarters

Warehouse & Volunteer Woodshop

Office & Client Showroom



Employee & Truck Parking

Client Parking

The Result

The new warehouse, and current client showroom and headquarters renovations will allow us to expand our work of addressing basic needs and stabilizing families impacted by homelessness, domestic violence, eviction, and other severe life challenges. The Furniture Bank of Central Ohio believes the Furnish Our Community Plan will lay a firm foundation on which we can provide essential furniture, hope and stability to the increasing number of families impacted by poverty.

With the self-supporting revenue to sustain our growth, we will have the ability to turn an empty house into a home of hope for 6,000 central Ohio families a year through the simple yet powerful act of furniture provision.