

THE NEXT CHAPTER 2024 UPDATE

APRIL/MAY/JUNE ISSUE

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PROJECT UPDATES

We are thrilled to share the remarkable news that the Rockaway Township Planning Board has granted approval for our Site Plan application for The CARE Center of New Jersey—all in a single night! What an incredible testament to the unwavering support and goodwill we have garnered from our community.

Notably, there was no opposition whatsoever, with even members of the planning board expressing gratitude for the positive impact we've made in Rockaway Township. This resounding affirmation allows us to move forward with our vision of service and outreach more effectively than ever before.

With this approval, we have been granted the green light to begin construction on Building One, spanning an impressive 123,000 square feet. Here, we will establish the foundation for our multifaceted offerings, including the Christ Church Español services alongside our English-speaking services, a gymnasium, performing arts studio, Food Pantry, Clothing Thrift Store, and more.

Moreover, our plans extend to the renovation of the second floor of Building Two—our cherished sanctuary building. This expansion will bring to life a library, two amphitheatres, six adult classrooms, and numerous other facilities to enrich our congregation's experience and foster deeper community connections.

This monumental milestone fills our hearts with gratitude and excitement as we embark on this transformative journey together. Thank you for your unwavering support, faith, and dedication to our shared mission.



Future Library of Training Center—2nd Floor of Building Two.

TRAINING CENTER

We're passionate about cultivating leaders, and that's why launching the Ministry Training Center is one of the goals of The Next Chapter Movement. This dedicated space, to be renovated on the second floor of Building Two (Sanctuary Building), will serve as a hub for leadership development and more. In our commitment to expanding care to the community, we opted to rebrand simply as the "Training Center," broadening our appeal and potential impact.

That decision proved pivotal. In February, we equipped 103 executives from diverse industries, including:

- Pharmaceutical
- Health & Medicine
- State Agencies
- Real Estate
- Banking & Finance
- Education
- Nonprofits
- Small Businesses

Dr. Ireland's latest course and workbook, "The Executive's Playbook: Strategies for Driving Results & Improving Teams," were resounding successes. After 13 intensive hours spread over three days, these leaders (see photos at right) were ready for more.

Empowering leaders, from so many different sectors, is creating a ripple effect that fosters stronger, more resilient communities. This too answers the call of Jesus to be salt and light.





IMPACT STORIES

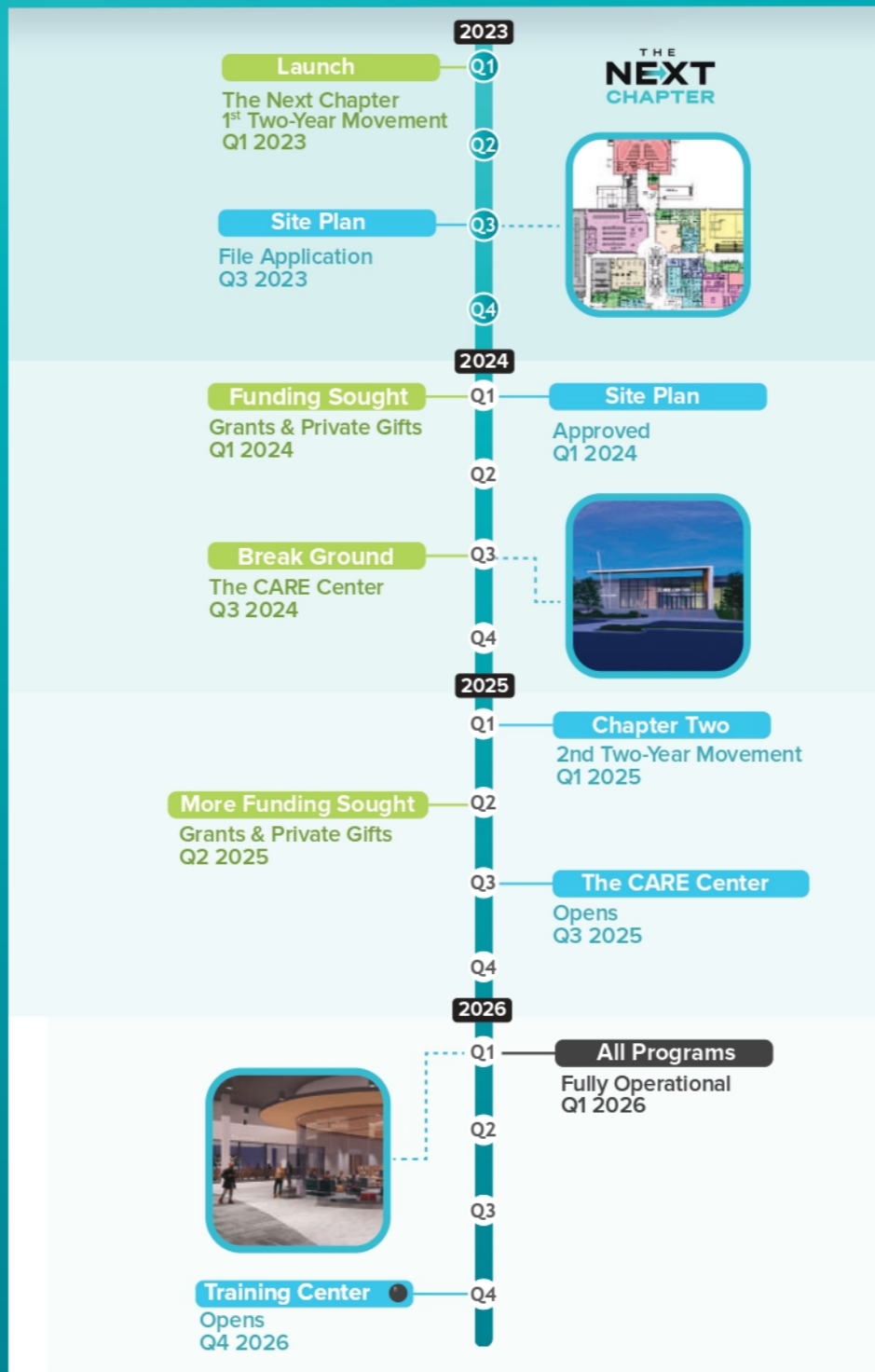
Food for HOPE, a vital program at The CARE Center, ensures consistent access to healthy food for low-income families. Recently, the Haitian Pastors Association of New Jersey praised its impact on the Haitian diaspora, highlighting its importance in preserving well-being and dignity. According to Rev. Pastor Jean Maurice, "Many members of our respective congregations have benefitted from Food for HOPE's services through The CARE Center of New Jersey. For families struggling to make ends meet, access to nutritious food is a lifeline that ensures their well-being and dignity." This recognition underscores our profound community impact.

Our impact extends deeply into individual lives and families. Take Rosa, for example. Her family recently fled from Ecuador, traveling through Colombia and Mexico, facing unimaginable dangers along the way. They witnessed horrors, including violence, assaults, and rape. Thanks to your support, Rosa and her family received essential food and clothing, providing much-needed assistance and relief.

Through answering Jesus' call to feed the hungry (cf. Matthew 25:35), our congregation provided for Rosa's family of nine. Let's pray for the ongoing success and funding of Food for HOPE and The CARE Center's other vital programs. Together, we bring hope and nourishment to those in need.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Please be aware that this timeline may change due to variables outside of our control.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Generosity in action!

The Next Chapter Financial Summary

As of April 19, 2024

Our Two-Year Goal (Years 2023 & 2024)	\$ 5,000,000
Our Two-Year TOTAL COMMITMENTS	\$ 4,121,297
Total Collected December 2022 at Launch	\$ 206,969
Total Collected 2023	\$ 1,372,201
Total Collected 2024	\$ 484,093
TOTAL GIVING to The Next Chapter	\$ 2,063,263*
*BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL GIVING	
Giving from Donors with Commitments	\$ 1,702,487
Giving from Donors without Commitments	\$ 360,776

We are grateful for your generosity and faithfulness as *The Next Chapter* brings the words of Jesus (Matthew 25:35-36) to life in our region.

There's still time to
JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

