

CENTER SPOTLIGHT | SPECIAL EDITION



BREAKING GROUND ON A BRIGHTER FUTURE

**Building Blocks for Community:
Celebrating Our Groundbreaking**

This week, we gathered with partners, supporters, friends and staff to celebrate the beginning of the renovations to our North Lawndale Flagship Site.

This exciting opportunity is made possible by the incredible generosity of donors who supported the Center's Invest Today, Empower Tomorrow campaign.

Over the next 18 months, every inch of the interior where children, youth, and families spend their time will undergo substantial renovations.

They deserve spaces that foster belonging, inspire curiosity, and empower young learners to reach their fullest potential.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

24,500+ sq ft

will undergo a transformative renovation

13

classrooms
will be fully
modernized

230+

children & youth
will directly
benefit from the
improvements

65 full-time staff

will learn, teach, and work in the
renovated space



Construction will happen in phases, allowing the Center to maintain regular operations with minimal interruption to the children and families we serve.

This is just the beginning!

We look forward to sharing updates with you along the way as we transform this community anchor in North Lawndale into a space worthy of our children and youth—and their dreams.

Thank you to the funders who made this project possible!



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Renderings by Perkins Eastman of coming renovations to our North Lawndale Flagship Site



As a new school year gets underway, children and youth across the Carole Robertson Center for Learning are off to a great start, feeling confident, prepared, and ready to learn.

Thanks to our generous donors and partners, more than **400 new kindergartners and youth** started this school year with new, high-quality backpacks filled with essential supplies.



We are deeply grateful to every donor and partner who helped make this year's Pack-to-School Challenge possible, with special thanks to our anonymous matching donor, whose generosity doubled the impact of every contribution.

Thank you for helping our children and youth begin the new school year feeling **prepared, supported, and ready to thrive.**



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Every backpack found its way to a first day!



Legacy Week

Honoring our Legacy: Inspiring Our Students

Next week, the Center will observe its annual Legacy Week, honoring the lives of Carole Robertson, Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Denise McNair. Through age-appropriate learning, creative activities and moments of celebration, Legacy Week helps our students connect with the history in which the Center is rooted and understand how their actions can help carry that legacy forward.



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