

Welcome!

Welcome to a journey that is embarking right under your nose. An adventure and a dream that is unfolding right here in Soldier, Ks. You're probably thinking, "Yeah that all sounds pretty dreamy if you ask me." Well hey, stick with us a few moments and let us throw out an idea we've been working on and hammering out for some time now. Let us share a vision of something that we think you might just be interested in and give you a chance to consider how you just might want to be part of it.

Thanks for your time!

-COMMUNITYCORE

Ok. So let us answer a couple ?'s for you...

What's the big idea?

It is to take the old Soldier Gym on the north side of town and repurpose it for the community's use. Thats right, that majestic and historic piece of 1930's brick architecture that has set dormant for sometime (Ok, we know maybe it doesn't look THAT majestic right at the moment and hasn't for some time. But just wait :)).

Time out, isn't it too far gone?

Depends. If you mean too far gone as too much work? We don't think so. Do you mean too far gone as in structurally unsound? Certainly not. Just recently we had a structural engineer, whose specialty is concrete structures, do an initial visit and inspection. His thoughts? The building is salvageable. Yes, the roof needs attention and as any old building it has some areas of concern that will need to be tackled first. But the structure itself & the building's overall integrity is not compromised as of yet.

What do you mean "repurpose for the community's use" ?

We thought you'd never ask. Take a look at the next couple pages and some of the uses we think the space and design of the building could potentially be used for...



The diagram shows a central rectangular area labeled 'Recreational Space' with a list of activities. To the left and right of this central area are two identical rectangular sections, each labeled with a large number (1 and 2) and 'Showers & Restrooms'. Below the central area is a rectangular section labeled 'Stage Area'. To the right of the entire plan is a vertical column of three boxes listing outdoor areas: 'The Grounds', 'West Yard', 'South Yard', and 'East & North'. The entire plan is set against a background of a rusty, textured surface.

Recreational Space:
Afterschool programs
Banquet & Meeting Facility
League Sports
Weekly Open Gym Hours
Physical Therapy Satelite Area
Health & Fitness Opps.
Distance Learning Classroom

1
Showers &
Restrooms

2
Showers &
Restrooms

Stage Area:
Community Theatre
Movie Nights

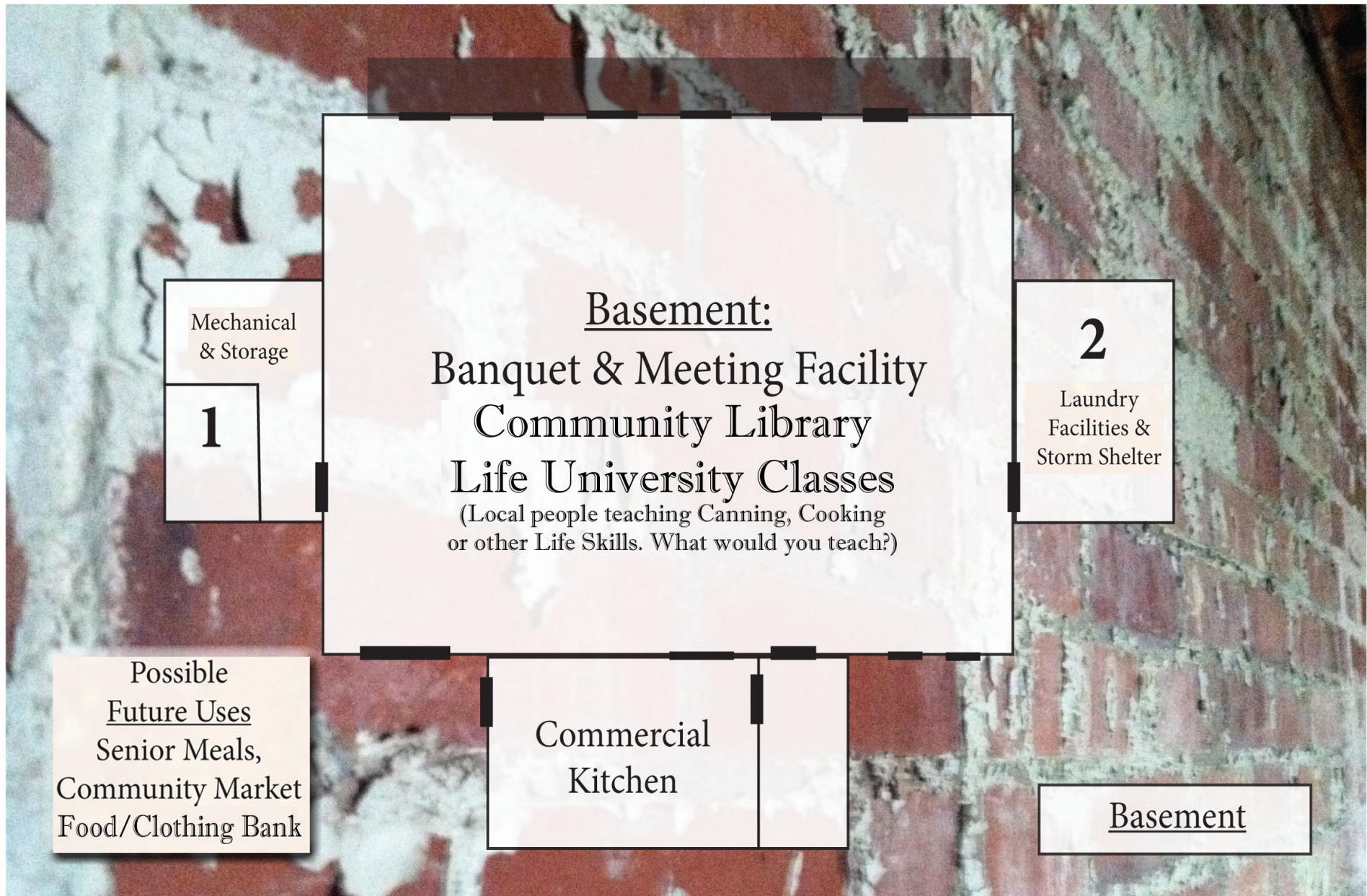
The Grounds

West Yard
Courtyard,
Memorial Wall &
Entrances

South Yard
Picnics & Rec
Green Space

East & North
Parking & RV

Ground Level 1



Can we ask you a couple ?'s

What do you think?

Can you imagine yourself using it for any of these reasons?

How else could you see it used?

If there was a way to fund it's initial repurposing through a partnership of your time & sweat and a grant providing the funds for materials & professional services (i.e. architect, engineer, specialty work), would you jump on board?

How about this, would you at least be willing to cheer us on?

Any other questions?

Who is the WE behind this?

A newly formed community organization called communityCORE. CORE is about “Cultivating community through local strengths, structures & passions.” It is not our desire replace or complicate any other existing community group, organization or peoples, but to simply come along side and resource those that already exist. Think of us as connectors and networkers. CORE believes nurturing healthy community requires space to LIVE, WORK, PLAY & GROW. Thus we endeavor to undertake projects that work to those ends.

How can I keep up with this idea’s progress? Want to be part?

You can follow communityCORE several places and get plugged in at:

The project’s blog: communitycoreorg.wordpress.com



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