

# The Evolve Coaching Inclusion Center

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@ 5025 Penn Ave in Garfield

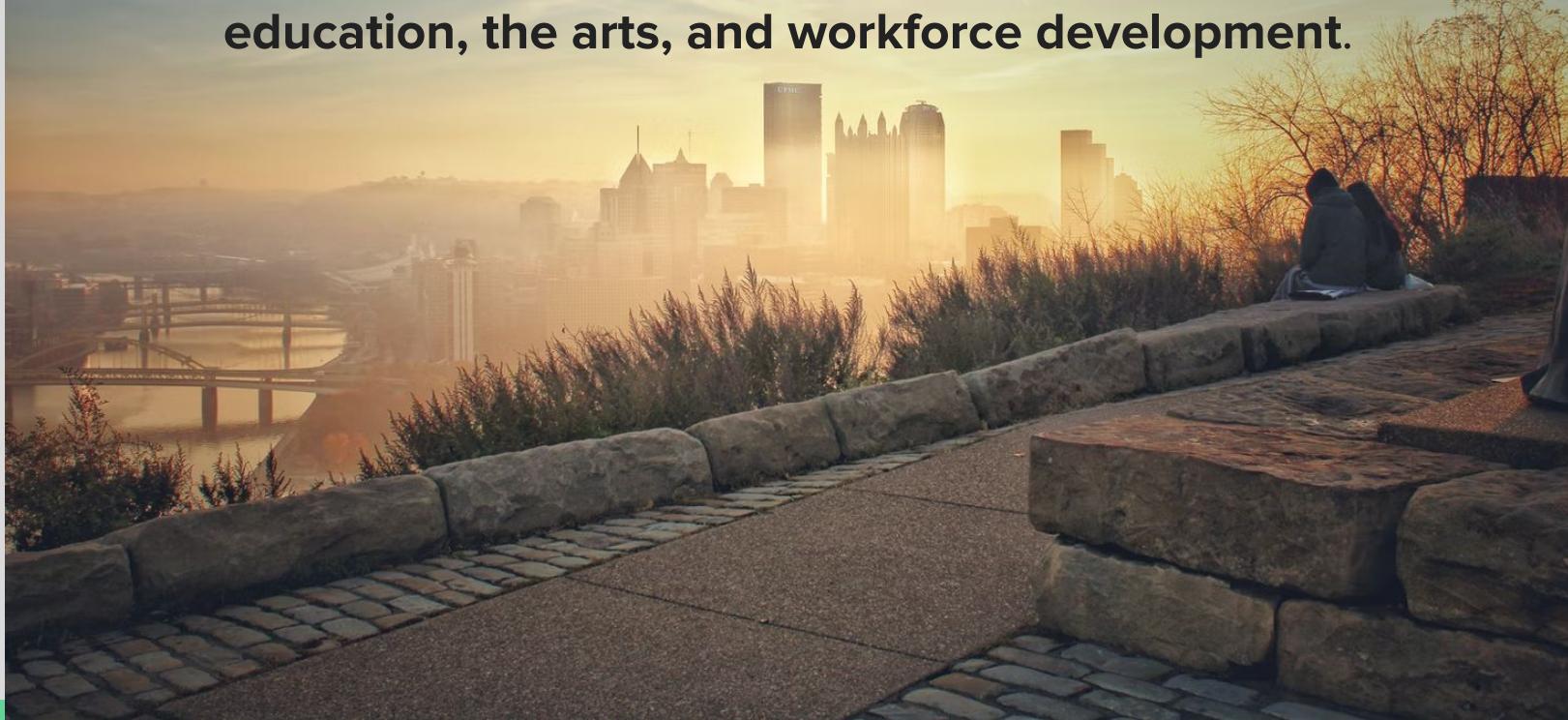


We all have talents to share.

*We support **Autistic and other neurodiverse college students, job-seekers, and artists** to achieve self-defined success and share their talents with the world.*

# Why Support Evolve's Big Vision?

**We're building Pittsburgh to be “Autism’s Most Livable City” by aligning key initiatives that are foundational to thriving communities: education, the arts, and workforce development.**



# Making that Dream a Reality

## To date, Evolve has contributed to this mission by...

- Providing 8 years of coaching and other supportive services for Pittsburghers with disabilities
- Touching 250+ clients per year with educational support, job coaching, and unique arts programming
- A growing, and diverse team including staff with developmental disabilities who inform our approach

## Next we will...

- Serve more community members with an inviting and *accessible* space to host programs. Within the first year of renovation, we anticipate:
  - 25% increase in number of people served
  - 150% increase in artist sales
  - A minimum of four new full time jobs created

# Introducing: The Evolve Coaching Inclusion Center



*Summer 2022: Evolve acquires former Carl's TV building at the corner of Penn Ave & Winebiddle in Garfield*

Our Inclusion Center will **center our community members' talents** and **expand their horizons** by...



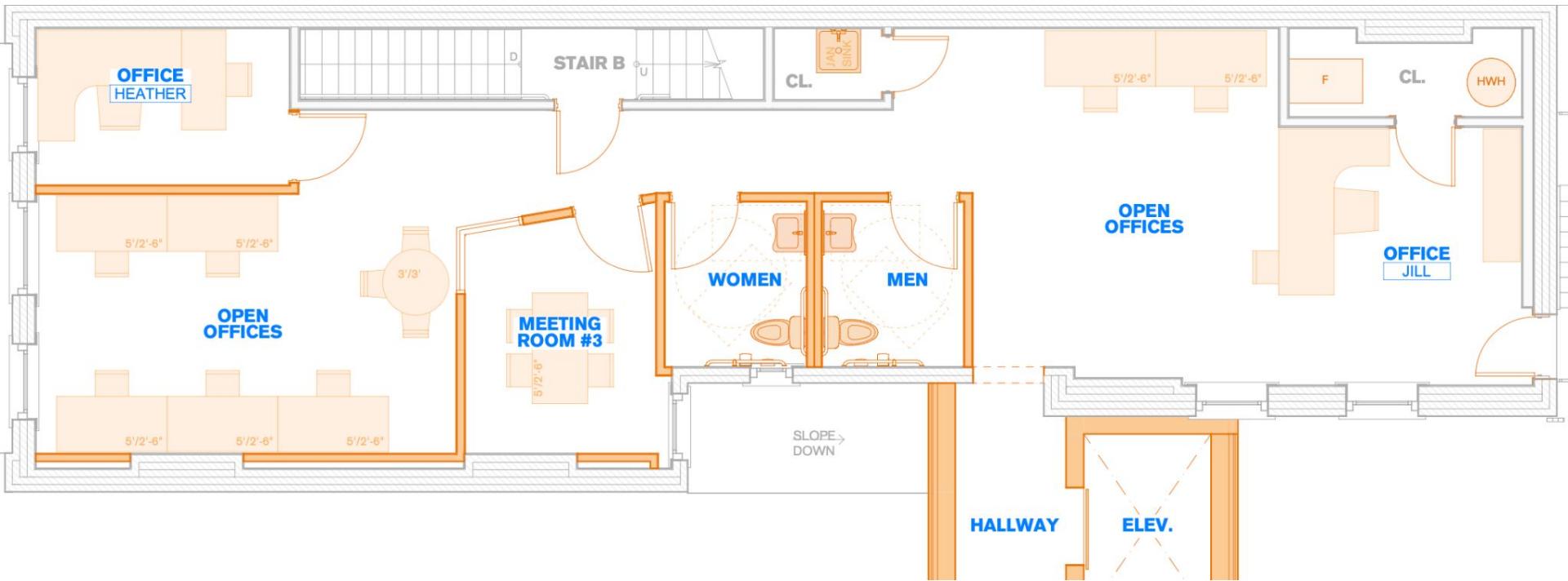
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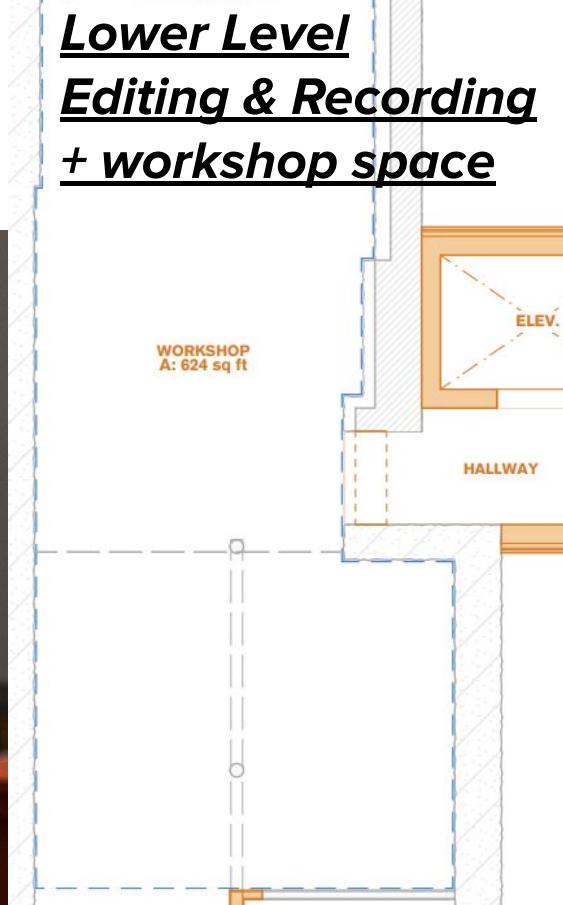
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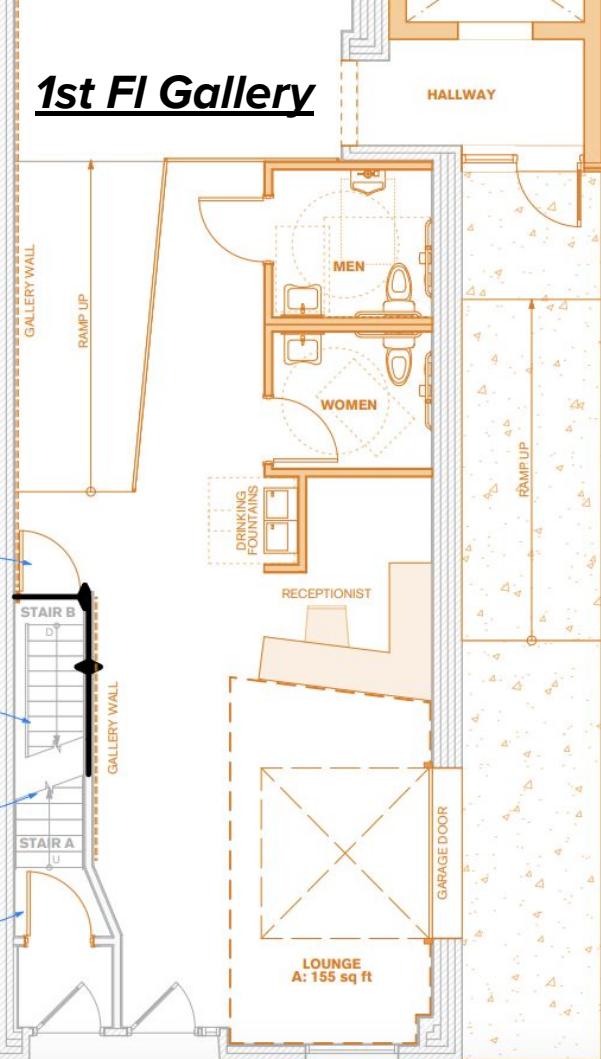
## 2. Promoting work skills through paid work on-site



**Lower Level**  
**Editing & Recording**  
**+ workshop space**



### 3. Displaying artists' work in a street-level gallery space on bustling Penn Ave



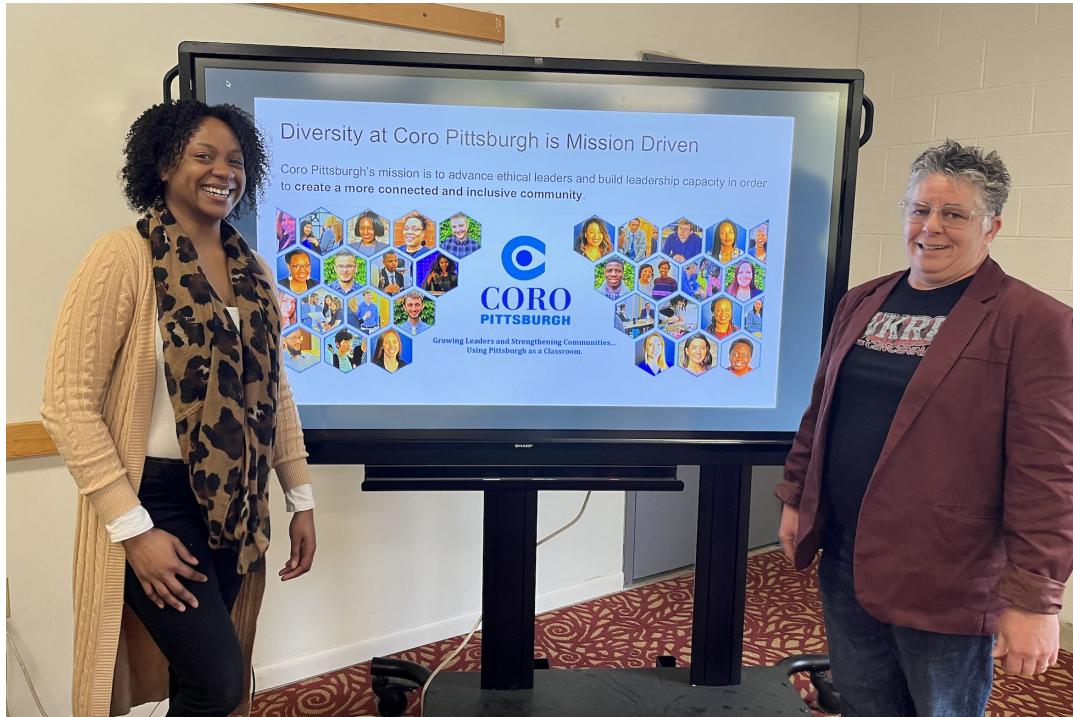


### **3rd Fl Apartments**

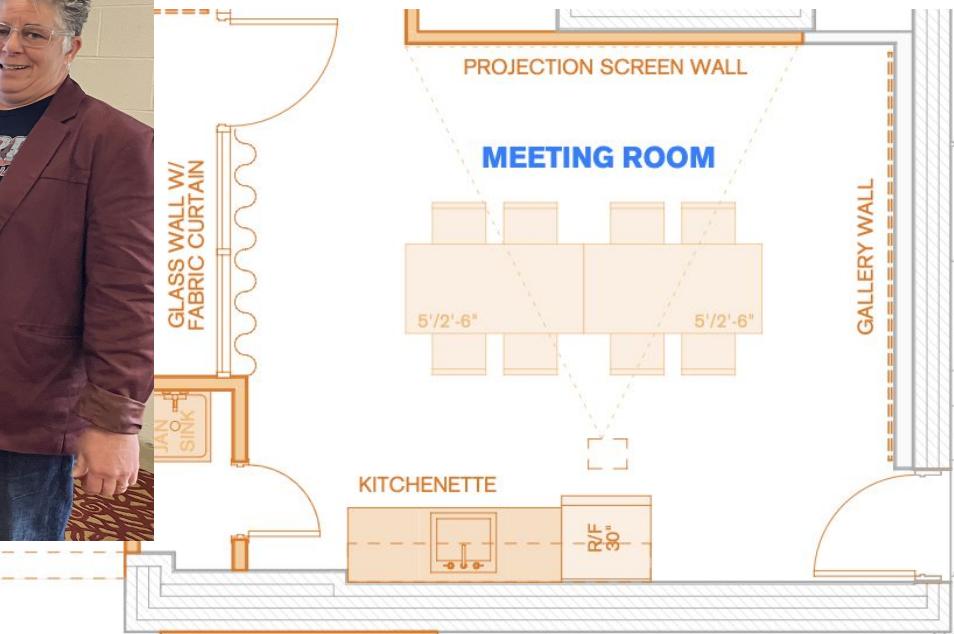


**4. Providing unprecedented transitional & supported housing for disabled young adults**

## 5. Enabling our community to **welcome** disabled patrons, guests, and coworkers through customized training.



**1st Fl Meeting Room**



# Business Partnerships - Building Deep Community Relationships

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Assemble	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pittsburgh Glass Center		✓	✓	✓
Vault Art		✓	✓	
Two Frays	✓	✓		✓
Black Cat Market		✓		✓
Workshop Pgh	✓		✓	
Springboard Design		✓		✓
Level Up & Los Sabrosas		✓	✓	
Bloomfield Garfield Corporation		✓	✓	✓
Boom Concepts	✓	✓	✓	
Children's & West Penn Hospitals		✓		✓
Commonplace Coffee	✓			✓
Primanti's				✓
People's Indian				✓

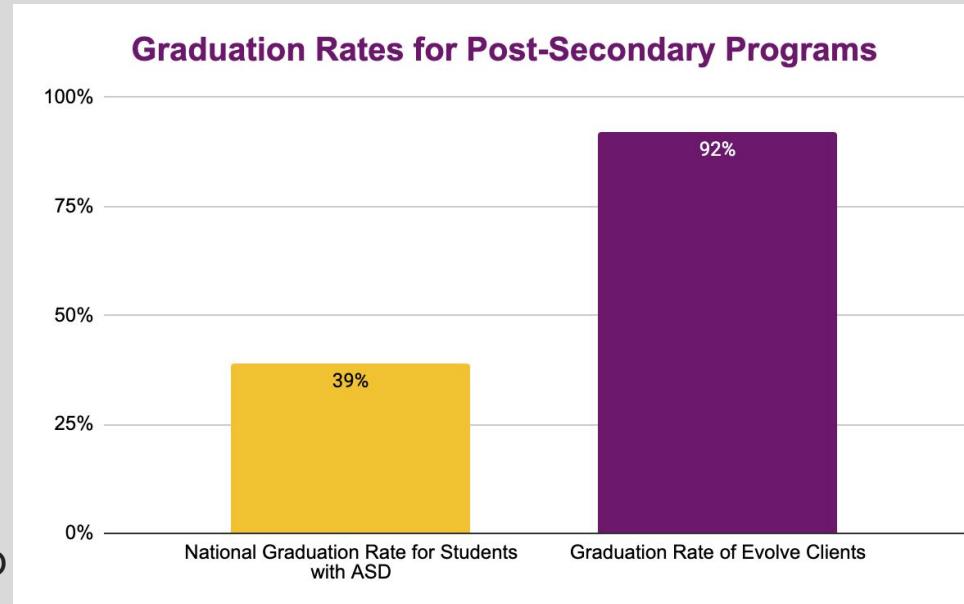
# Reasons to Believe: Education is the Great Equalizer

**Only 1/3 of autistic adults enroll in college**, compared to 62% of young people nationally.

Approximately 60% of all students who enroll in college complete their degree, while **only 39%** of autistic students graduate.

By comparison, Evolve students **graduate at a rate of 92%**.

We support students **and** their schools to help students achieve their goals and build support networks.



# Reasons to Believe: Workforce Development is a Must

Pittsburgh is experiencing a shortage of approximately 50,000 workers since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Roughly **6,000** Autistic people in Pittsburgh can help fill this gap.

**85%** of Autistic people are unemployed or underemployed.

**90%** of Evolve's job-seekers find and keep a job.

We support job-seekers **and** employers with hiring and retention.



# Reasons to Believe: The Arts Allow Us to Thrive

**Art activates the nervous system.** Brain imaging, brain wave technology, and biofeedback research offer evidence that art **engages the mind** and **improves mental health**.

**Self expression is necessary for disabled people.** Art offers an accessible and creative approach to sharing ideas and connecting with the world.

**Art offers income opportunities** for those unable to meet the demands of a 9-to-5 job.

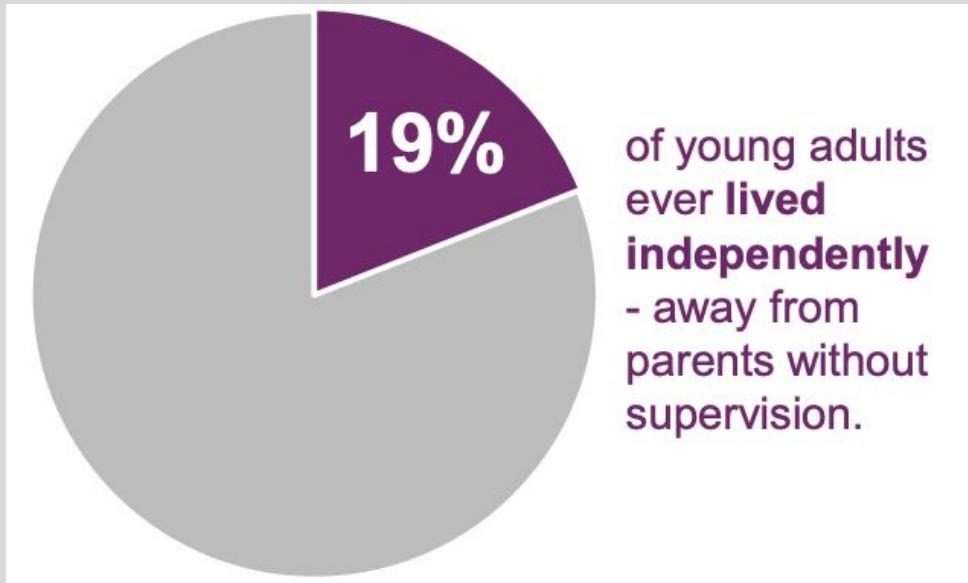
All 30 of Evolve's artist cohort participants have sold between 1-10 pieces in the past year as a direct result of their involvement in Evolve programs.



# Reasons to Believe: Meeting Previously Unmet Needs through Transitional Housing Support

Pittsburgh offers very few options for unique and supported housing that is financially and programmatically accessible to our clients.

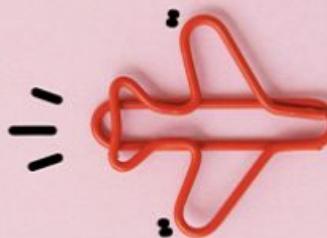
The Evolve Coaching Inclusion Center will offer **intensive and individualized support** with 6- to 24-month leases, and a minimum of 3 months of support after the lease expires.





# Join Us as we Bring Our Big Vision to Life

The Evolve Coaching Inclusion Center is a physical manifestation of our goals.



**The Evolve Coaching Inclusion Center** will serve a wider base (60+ more clients within the first year of operation) and offer **outsized rewards** for the community of Garfield and the City of Pittsburgh. Our work results in improved performance in school, higher rates of job placement and retention, and valuable opportunities for local artists.

# Evolve Coaching Inclusion Center Investment Breakdown

Purchase Price + Closing Costs - \$591,800  
*(building acquired July 2022)*

PDDM Solutions Renovation Estimate - \$1,750,000

Springboard Architectural & Project Management Fee - \$150,000

+ Consultants & FFE - \$177,000

**Total Need: \$2,668,800**

# Your Support will **Change Lives** and Our Community

The Evolve Coaching Inclusion Center will open in early 2024.



# Thank you for your time!



*Evolve Co-Founders, Joe and Heather: Ready to help build a truly inclusive city.*