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*Njoy! Njoy!*

WHITE PAPER BY: Freida Oriakhi --- dba Njoy Njoy --- Angels @ Work Resource Center

TITLE: Njoy Njoy New Building Expansion Construction      DATE: September 2023

### INTRODUCTION:

Hello, my name is Freida Oriakhi. I am the founder, President and CEO of the non-profit organization Njoy Njoy, located at 1500 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45402. My charity has been feeding the homeless/hungry a free weekly meal since 2012. It is our goal and the time has come for us to offer more needed community services beside feeding.

### BACKGROUND:

There is one particular word that comes to mind when thinking of the job market --- precarious. While certain career fields are able to adapt to the evolving needs of society, other careers can be phased out at a moment's notice due to corporate restructuring, outsourcing, or technological advances. However, one of the most stable career paths a person can enter is the medical field. There are varying levels in which a person can attain employment—from actual medical practice to detailed administrative work. Still, most medically related jobs require a post secondary education which can take years to complete. Furthermore because of the rigorous educational course work and increasingly steep tuition costs, many individuals miss out on the chance to consider the vital and worthwhile career field of health services, but there is a pathway in which a person can receive comprehensive health care training in a relatively short time-frame, and upon completion, gain immediate employment. This is possible if one trains to become a home health aide, and that is what our non-profit organization, Njoy Njoy, intends to accomplish with our partnership with Faith Nurse Aide Training School, formerly known as Prestige Nurse Aide Training Program and the Sinclair Community College Nursing Department.

### OVERVIEW:

Njoy Njoy was originally founded in 2012 to address food insecurity by feeding a free meal to the homeless/hungry within the West Dayton area which has a predominately African American population. At first, our program initiated a weekly feeding program which operated every Wednesday and was open to anyone in need of a fresh, homemade meal, cooked with much love. As our program continued to evolve, we also organized free grocery distributions, clothing/shoe drives, and health screenings in conjunction with Premier Health Network. While all of these efforts proved beneficial, we realized our organization needed to form a partnership with Faith Nurse Aide Training Program, who in turn, brought in the Sinclair Community College Nursing Program, Area Agency on Aging, and Caring 4 U Home Health Care to provide health care services. When our new facility is built, Faith Home Training will physically relocate in our new building. Our partners will have the necessary room to house equipment, training materials, and classroom space to initiate our educational program. Moreover, our nurses aide training program will offer people in the Dayton, Ohio area the opportunity to enter into a training course that will enable them to receive a thorough training in administering home health care needs to a growing elderly and adult disabled population in the Miami Valley.

## BENEFITS:

- The medical and health services career field has an abundance of jobs that continue to go unfilled, and this training program provides a way to connect potential job seekers with an expedient pathway to filling an entry level occupation within the health home care sector.
- This home health aide training program will offer individuals the chance to participate in a six week training program that will enable the graduates to seek employment with our partner Caring 4 U Home Health Care, or any other home health care agency.
- For low income individuals, or those who are not in a position to complete a post secondary education, this training program is ideal because it can be administered in a matter of weeks, and a portion of the cost is absorbed by the local chapter of the Area Agency on Aging.
- This training program is a win-win for both the students and the population they would serve because the home health care aides will have the opportunity to earn a gainful income, and some of the more vulnerable clients would have expanded access to daily home health services, which would allow them to stay in their homes and maintain their independence.
- With the expansion of our new facility, the various beneficial new programs that we will offer will be able to serve at least 4,500 more guests in a year's time. As we offer our nurses aide training program and our other community outreach endeavors to residents, we will continue to grow in the coming years. Our organization will undoubtedly continue to increase it's outreach to the community residents tenfold.
- Our program operates strictly on volunteer services at this time, but with the new facility, we will be able to employ and add approximately twelve (12) paying positions to the workforce.

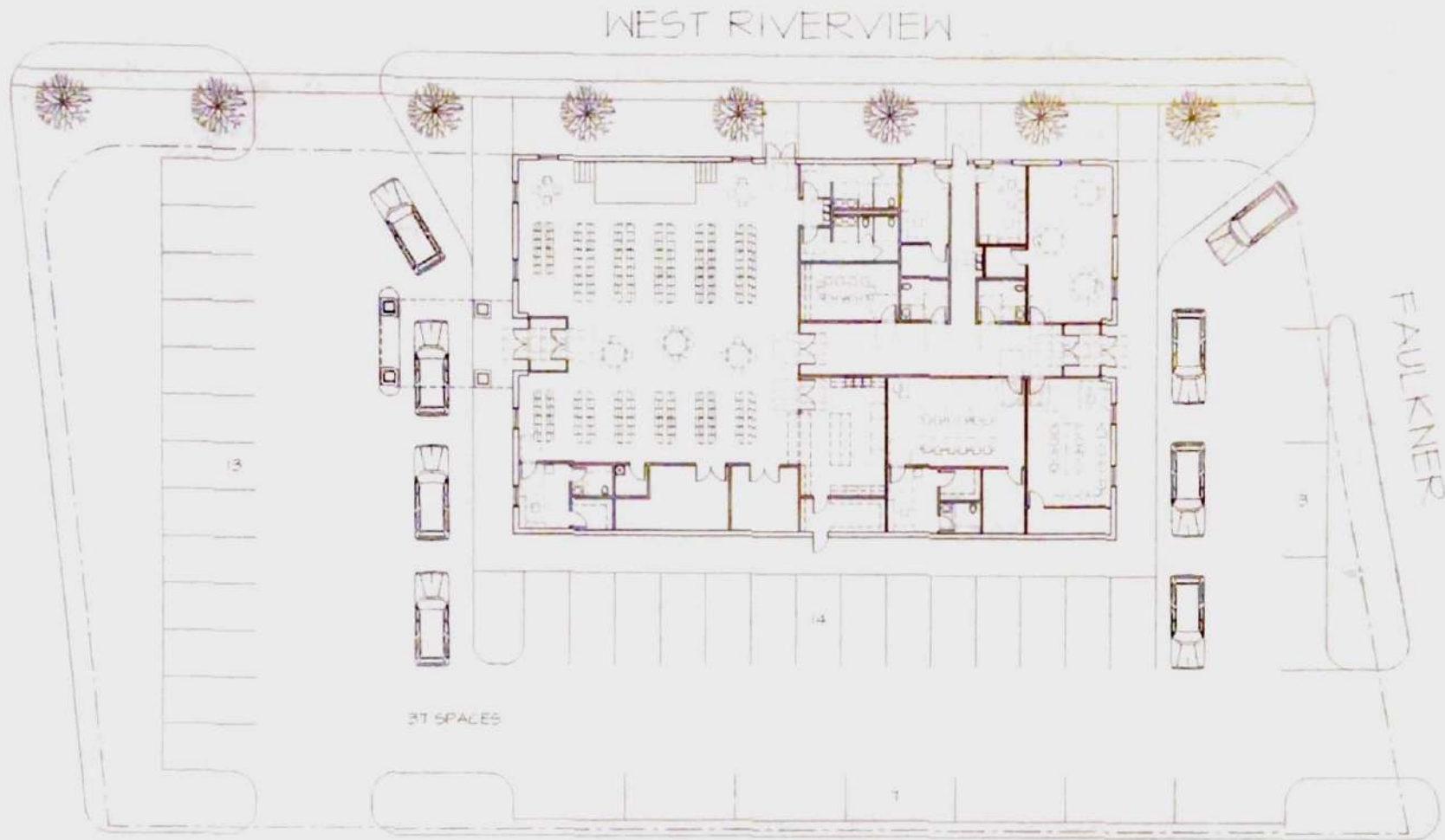
## CONCLUSION:

This new facility expansion, which will be named Angels @ Work Resource Center, is a training program and a worthwhile project because it will contribute to the educational/employment aspects of the community. Additionally, this resource center can provide low income residents with the training/tools to empower themselves, while enriching their lives and the lives of others. Lastly, this resource center will offer the benefits listed above and will give a lift to an impoverished area within the Dayton, Ohio community. We are humbly requesting funding of \$500,000 per our recommendation from the Dayton Development Coalition (DDP). To date, we have received \$300,000 through ARPA funds and we continue to seek additional funding through various sources as they become available.

Kind Regards,



**Freida Oriakhi, President and CEO dba  
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**1 SITE PLAN**

**1. Schematic Design of the New Njoy Njoy Building - 2 - Pages, A1 Site Plan & A2 Floor Plan**



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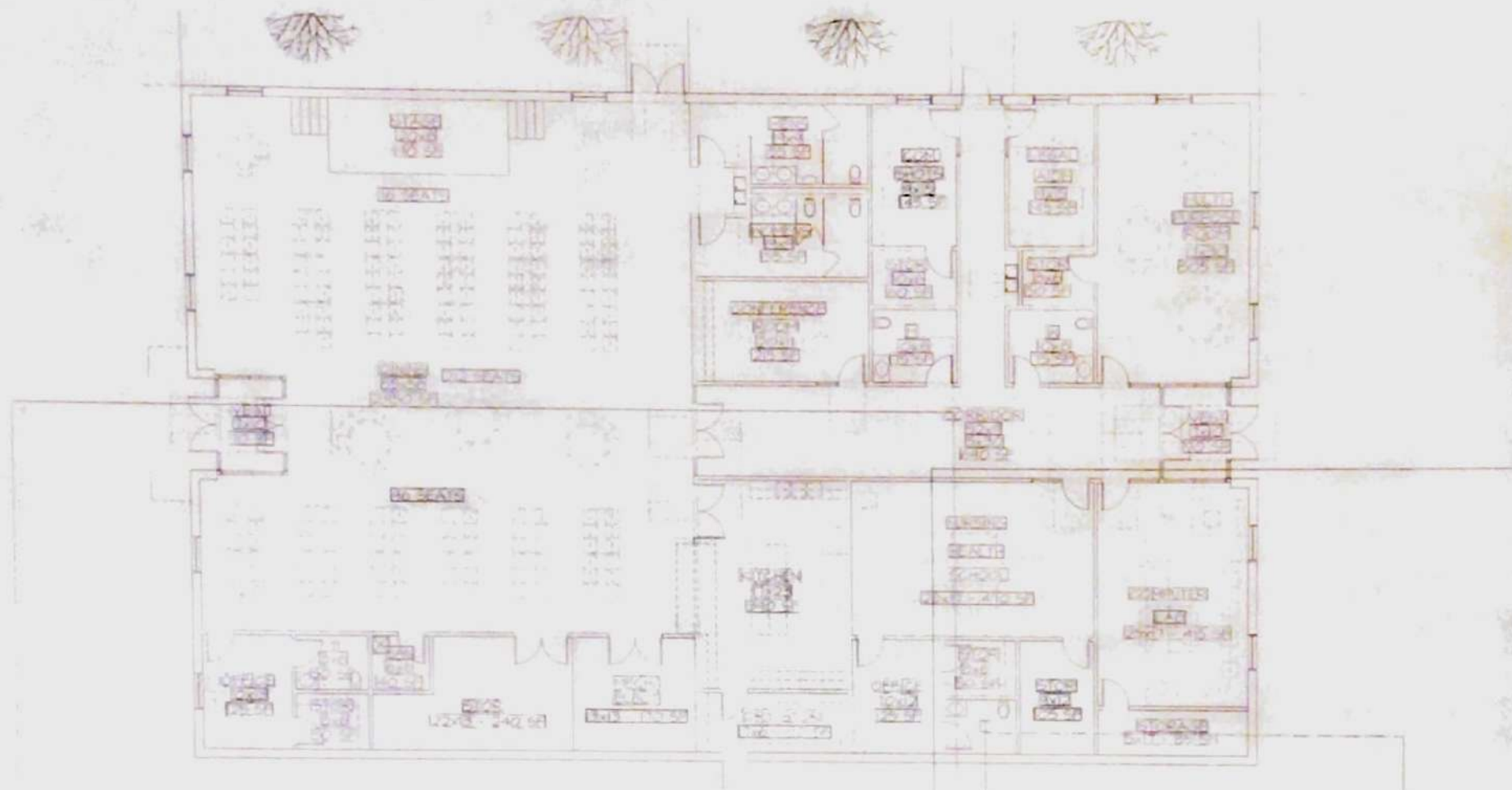
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**Schematic Design Site Plan -- A1**



1 FLOOR PLAN



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Freida Oriahki at the Njoy! Njoy! dining room on West Riverside Avenue in West Dayton.

**The City of Dayton awarded \$300,000 to a local nonprofit that's feeding unhoused community members. The grant is part of the city's plan to support community health and wellness in underserved neighborhoods.**

Njoy! Njoy! has been feeding unhoused community members for about 10 years. It operates out of a West Dayton building that used to be an old church on West Riverview Avenue.

The nonprofit, pronounced enjoy, was founded by Freida Oriahki along with her

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mom Lottie Rutherford, who always loved to cook.

Rutherford was known for her world famous pound cake. But she cooked everything from a hearty chicken pot pie to pulled pork sandwiches with homemade french fries, according to Oriahki.

Oriahki said her mom would never turn anyone away if they came by her house hungry. Opening the nonprofit was a natural next step.

"We wanted them to be able to come and enjoy themselves and eat. And we had music for them. We played jazz while they ate and just enjoyed themselves," Oriahki said. "We had it be like an upscale restaurant and they really liked that."

Oriahki added their mission from the beginning was simple.

"Some of these people have just not been dealt the same hand of cards that you have been dealt. But that doesn't make them a bad person. They just need a little help. Somebody who will say, 'I understand what you're going through. How can we help you?' " she said.

Because of the pandemic, however, the dining room has been closed. Oriahki, who does most of the cooking along with a few other volunteers, now serves food for pick up every third Thursday of the month. They see nearly 100 visitors whenever they serve lunch.

Oriahki also gives out groceries every fourth Thursday.

The nonprofit has outgrown its old building and plans to build a bigger space next door with the city's \$300,000 grant.

The funds come from [Dayton's Recovery Plan](#), which is a roadmap for how the city plans to invest its \$138 million in American Rescue Plan Act money.

A section of the plan includes investing in community health and wellness and assisting small businesses and organizations, particularly in underserved neighborhoods.

The new space for the nonprofit will be called Angels at Work Resource Center. It will have a bigger dining room, a food pantry, a community closet and offer GED classes and several other community services.

Construction could start as soon as early 2023. Although the nonprofit is still looking for more funding for the building which is estimated to cost over \$600,000.

*Alejandro Figueroa is a corps member with [Report for America](#), a national service program that places journalists into local newsrooms. Support for WYSO's reporting on food and food insecurity in the Miami Valley comes from the [CareSource Foundation](#).*

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## Alejandro Figueroa

Alejandro Figueroa covers food insecurity and the business of food for WYSO through Report for America – a national service program that places journalists into local newsrooms. Alejandro particularly covers the lack of access to healthy and affordable food in Southwest Ohio communities, and what local government and nonprofits are doing to address it. He also covers rural and urban farming

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From: Vivian Jackson MSNed, RN  
Owner Faith Nurse Aide Training Program LLC  
Date: October 30, 2023  
Re: Official Letter of Support for Ms. Alfrieda Oriakhi - NJOY NJOY Owner and Executive Director

Dear Sir or Madam,

Faith Nurse Aide Training Program LLC owner, Vivian Jackson, is providing an official letter of support on behalf of Alfreida Oriakhi Owner and Executive Director for NJOY NJOY (njoynjoy7.com).

Faith Nurse Aide Training Program LLC is committed to partnering with NJOY NJOY's community outreach and advocacy program. As a part of our commitment partnership, I will relocate Faith Nurse Aide Training Program LLC in the new building.

Faith Nurse Aide Training Program LLC is an organization dedicated to fulfilling the national nurse aide shortage with a focus to serve the elderly and vulnerable populations in the Dayton, Ohio region.

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It is an honor and a privilege to write this letter of support for Alfreida Oriakhi.

Very respectfully,

Vivian Jackson MSNed, RN, Owner  
Program Coordinator  
Faith Nurse Aide Training Program LLC





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October 30, 2023

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of our school board and school leadership team, I am writing this letter in support of Njoy Njoy. We are fortunate to be located behind the center and see the benefit of the services they provide.

Dayton Leadership Academies is a public charter school that serves 500 students in grade K-8. We serve students and families from across the Dayton area with 100% of our students qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

DLA is a proud partner with Njoy Njoy. Our organizations have similar missions and have a mutually beneficial relationship. Njoy Njoy has attended our family engagement events to inform the school community about their outreach programs. DLA students are writing holiday cards for Njoy Njoy participants and plan to organize a food drive to collect items for their pantry.

We are in full support of their expansion, which will allow us to expand our partnership. We envision our students' families taking classes in their computer lab and our student leaders being able to help to serve meals at the expanded location.

We are excited to see Njoy Njoy expand their impact in the West Dayton community and to be a part of this valuable community resource. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tess Mitchner Asinjo  
Executive Director



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Re: Support for the Njoy! Njoy! Charity Establishment

Ms. Freida Oriakhi,

As Chairman of the Northwest Priority Board (NWPB) in Dayton, Ohio and as the official voice of the residents in the NWPB area of our City, I submit this letter of support for the Njoy! Njoy! Charity establishment. Your presentation the evening of Wednesday September 26, 2018, at the NWPB monthly meeting, still resonates in our hearts! And it wholeheartedly solidified our belief as well as our appreciation for what Njoy! Njoy!'s service provides to and for our community!

As is the policy of the City of Dayton and those other entities in our City, County, and State, support letters from creditable community organizations thereof, are conducive for the processes associated with applying for grants through the above-mentioned entities. We vehemently stand behind and with this viable component of our community and the services that your establishment has provided for the homeless, hungry, and poor over the past ten years!

If there are any questions/concerns that you may have associated with this letter of support, please feel free to contact me at [dkgreer@ameritech.net](mailto:dkgreer@ameritech.net) and/or at 937-603-4051.

Sincerely,  
**David K. Greer**  
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