

Hope City

Askew School

2630 Topping, Kansas City MO 64129

Future Site Use Proposal

About Hope City

- Hope City is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that operates as a church and ministry. Hope City has been at its current location at 24th and Quincy for 7 years.
- Hope City is primarily focused on daily prayer and a feeding ministry to the poor and those faced with life-altering circumstances.
- At Hope City's current location, ministry has expanded into many areas:
 - 130-seat prayer room that combines prayer with live worship, functioning 100+ hours per week
 - Church services on Monday and Friday evenings with dinner service following. Child care services are provided during church services.
 - A safe gathering space for people to stop in and rest during the day
 - A kitchen that serves coffee throughout the day and lunch five days per week
 - A live-in internship program that has helped people from around the world who want to learn how to minister in an inner-city environment
 - A faith-based, in-house drug and alcohol diversion program
 - Weekly food pantry for the community
 - Youth programs, including biblical classes, summer camps, field trips and weekly talent shows
 - Various other community benefits, including showers, transportation, diapers, bus fares, help with utilities and help obtaining state IDs
- Hope City's ministry has outgrown its current space and it is casting a vision for expansion

Hope City Team

- Ray and Lisa Stribling are the directors and co-founders of Hope City. They have lived in Kansas City all their lives and currently live in the community. They have been married 34 years, have 5 children, and 9 grandchildren.
- The Hope City team has grown to include 7 ordained pastors, one nurse and 2 counselors.
 - Sam and Tamika Smith - Sam is our Youth Pastor and has lived in the community all his life.
 - Aaron McCord - Aaron is the internship director for Hope City. He is from Detroit, Michigan and came through one of our internships after having a college career in football. He has lived in east Kansas City for 2 years.
 - Bethel Hill – Bethel is our operations manager. Bethel has lived in the community for 7 years. She has an extensive history in nursing and foster parenting.

Askew School History:

Originally constructed in 1923, the school was expanded at least twice with additions built in 1956 and 1968.

The building is 58,190 sq ft, with an auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria and many classrooms that have direct exterior access and skylights.

The 3.86-acre site is on the eastern end of the Blue Valley neighborhood. The 238.5 acre Blue Valley Park borders the site to the east.

Askew served as a kindergarten through eighth grade elementary school with a capacity of more than 350 students when it closed in 2010.



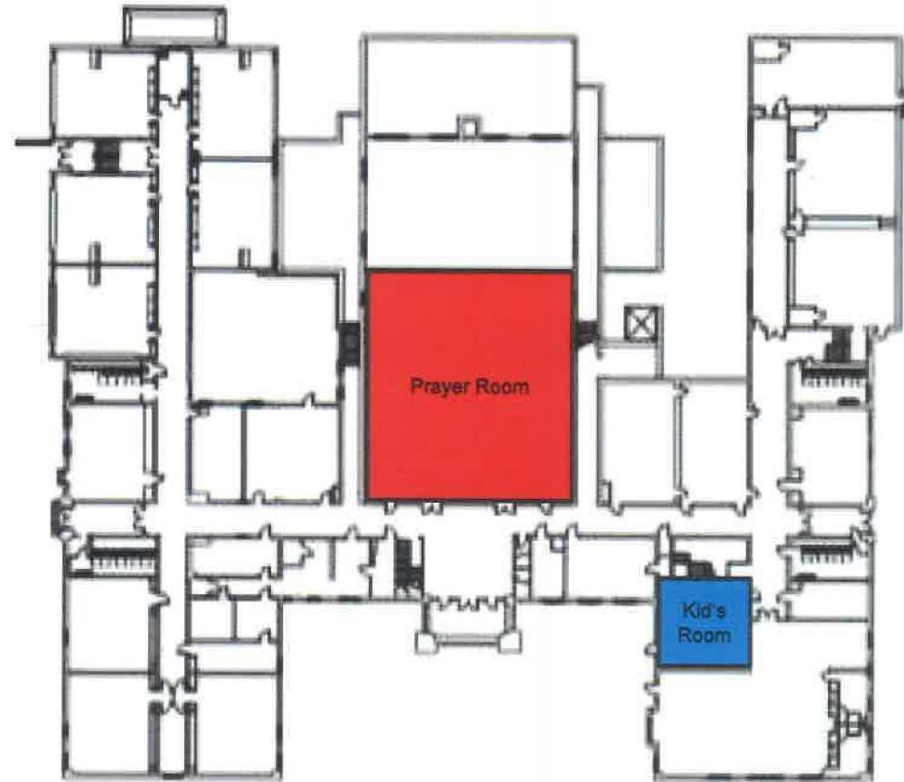
Hope City's Plan For Askew School

- Hope City is looking to purchase Askew School and renovate the property. This would allow us to expand Hope City's services and the ability to serve the neighborhood.
- Acquisition/construction timeline:
 - We hope to acquire the building in early 2018 and complete the first phase of renovations within 6 months thereafter. Phase 2 would be completed within the first year of purchase and Phase 3 within the next year thereafter.
 - The building would be open for church services and other community uses after Phase 1.
- Hope City is operated on donations, with the purchase of the school would being covered by a private donor. This donor has been secured.
- Renovations would be covered by our adopt-a-room project, which would allow individual and organizational donors to donate toward particular aspects of the renovation. Donations for Phase 1 have been secured.
 - Ray Stribling has a history in general contracting in construction and will be working with a local construction company on the renovations as well.

Proposed Renovations

Prayer Room

- **Guided prayer services are offered on a regular schedule and focus on issues such as poverty, drug addiction, youth and children, families, murder and suicide, homelessness, violence, government, our community and other nations.**
- The Prayer Room functions 24 hours per day, 5 days per week. However, it is not open to members of the public at night, but is operated by members of Hope City staff and interns.
- Weekly church services are held in the Prayer Room.
- A seating capacity of 400 is planned for the renovated Prayer Room.
- Kid's room and child care is available for some prayer room services



Proposed Renovations

Community Center:

- 2,300 square foot community area
- Daytime shelter providing a safe environment
- Holiday meals with the community
- Large room available for special events
- Close proximity to the Prayer Room, healing room and restrooms
- Kid's room, child care available for some events



Proposed Renovations

Community Needs:

- Emergency shelter, tornado shelter
- Disaster relief center
- Neighborhood Association meeting rooms
- Personal items storage
- Showers (during daytime hours)
- Laundry service (during daytime hours)
- Resource/training center for community classes including: GED, music/dance, tutoring, business classes, trade classes, and recording studio
- Public assistance



Proposed Renovations

Dorms:

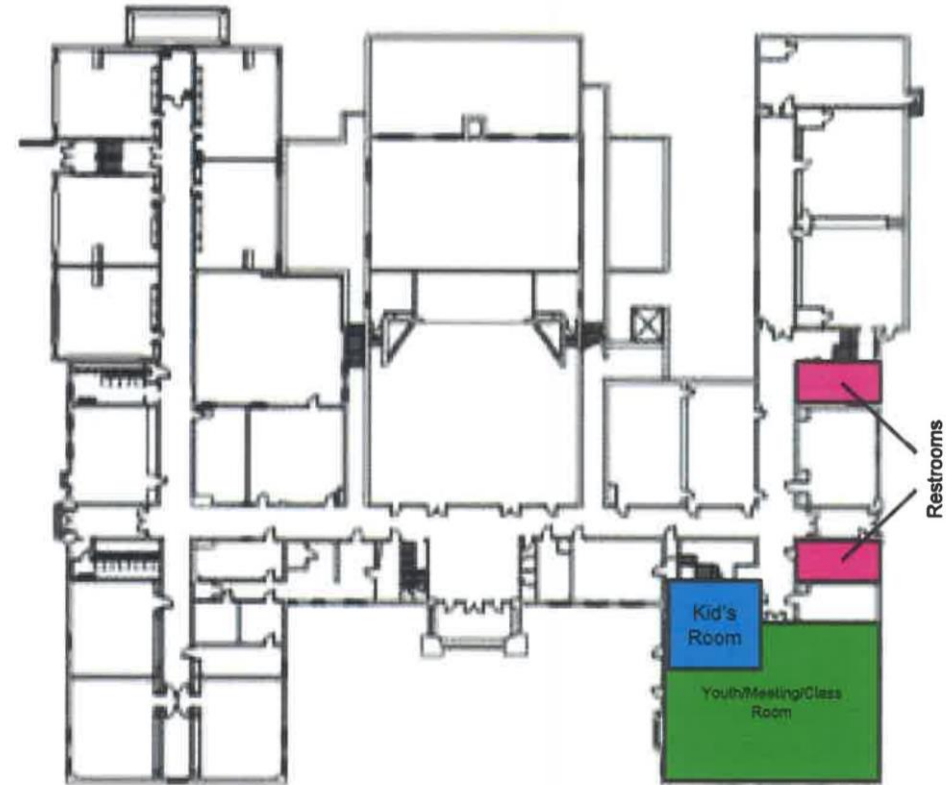
- 10,000 square feet of total living space dedicated to full-time members of the Hope City internship program
- Separate men's and women's dorms
- Personal items storage
- Restrooms/showers
- Separate laundry rooms
- Multi-purpose rooms for classes, meetings and community social area with shared courtyard



Proposed Renovations

Kid's Room/Youth Room:

- Children and youth ministry focusing on biblical teaching and activities
- Kid's room, child care available for some prayer room services and special events
- Safe environment
- Meeting room for children's events
- Classroom for homeschooling community and private tutoring
- Close proximity to restrooms



Proposed Renovations

Kitchen/Cafeteria:

- Meals prepared daily to serve in the Community Center
- Cafeteria for staff, interns and live-in programs
- Cafeteria can also serve as a room for special events, meetings, dinners, receptions, parties, etc. on a case-by-case basis



Proposed Renovations

Hope City Community Services

- Weekly food pantry
- Grocery and household supplies for immediate needs during the week
- Cooking and nutritional awareness classes sponsored by Harvesters Community Food Network
- Public assistance
- Close proximity to restrooms

