



## Building Project Overview

### ABOUT TERRA CENTRE FOR TEEN PARENTS

- Terra is a charitable non-profit organization that has been supporting teen parents in the Edmonton community for more than 50 years by offering a number of free, nonjudgmental support programs. We provide critical support to our community as the only agency in Edmonton focused exclusively on pregnant and parenting teens and their children.
- We help teen parents to parent effectively. We support them in building the best future for them and their children. Key programs include: Early learning and care, Housing support services, Services for Educational Achievement, Mental Health Supports, and Family Learning (home visitation).

More about Terra can be found [here](#).

### A NEW HOME FOR TERRA

- Terra's downtown location presented significant barriers preventing us to grow our programming remaining relevant and serve the needs of today's teen parents.
- After operating in our downtown location for 24 years, we have sold it and bought a building in the community of Grovenor that will provide ample space for Terra to deliver the kinds of programs and services our participants need.
- The new building located in west Edmonton enables us to serve families in ways we never have before. New services and programming will include employment support, respite care, child developmental programming space and food-based programming. Notably, the new building will include:
  - Intentional, **child development programming space** to support family literacy, child development and developmental screening
  - A **computer learning lab** to support young parents in their employment and educational goals
  - A **collective kitchen** to address food security, promote nutritious eating and provide families a space to cook and enjoy a meal together
  - An **expanded donations centre** for teen parents to access essentials for themselves and their children
  - **Dedicated office space** for Terra's mental health supports team
- The transition to the building will be done in a phased approach, mitigating operational expenses while ensuring continuity of services and minimizing disruption for our families. Renovations will begin in February 2022 and will continue in phases to be fully complete by mid-2023.





## WHO TERRA SERVES AND OUR IMPACT

- The participants Terra serves have often had challenging life experiences. Many struggle with addictions or have mental health challenges.
- Many of our participants have been involved with Children's services at some point. Many of our participants report abuse, neglect, substance use by parent or family member at intake.
- Terra helps teen parents move from crisis to stability. The parents Terra supports are better able to develop strong, healthy attachments with their children, leading to better long-term outcomes for themselves and their children, with long-term benefits to the community.
- Through core services and community outreach, Terra supports close to 1,000 teen moms, dads, and children each year. Teens can come to Terra at any stage in their parenting journey and receive support for several years, up to the age of 24.
- Like many organizations, Terra has been impacted by COVID and the number of participants we served in 2020 and 2021 were lower than the average of 1,000. Terra staff are actively working at re-engaging our families and anticipate that 2022 will see participants served closer to 1,000 teen moms, dads and children.

## CAMPAIGN GOAL

- Our total project cost is estimated at \$6.8M. To date, Terra has raised \$2.8M through donor support and government funding. We are embarking on a community capital campaign to raise the remaining \$4M required. To learn more on how you can get involved, visit [terracentre.ca](https://terracentre.ca) or call Kejina Robinson, Director, Fund Development, at 587-336-1564.

