

## PROJECT NARRATIVE: JUBILEE SOUP KITCHEN

### **Background Information**

Jubilee Association, Inc. (Jubilee) is a human services organization comprised of the Jubilee Soup Kitchen and Community Center and the John Heinz Child Development Center in the Hill District, and the Jubilee Food Pantry in Polish Hill. Their mission is to provide a comprehensive program of human services, based in the teachings and values of our founders' Judeo-Christian heritage, addressing the needs of the homeless, disadvantaged, and marginalized people of the Pittsburgh area in a welcoming atmosphere that extends dignity and respect to every guest.

In 2019 Jubilee provided the following services:

- Served 49,647 meals – often providing guests with a simple breakfast, a balanced lunch, and a take-out dinner. Meals are served seven days a week, year-round.
- Maintained a food pantry in Polish Hill that helped 2,766 visitors keep food on their table and made an additional 1,560 food deliveries to home bound individuals
- Helped 40 toddlers and preschoolers from low-income families to thrive as they were enrolled in their four-star John Heinz Child Development Center
- Offered shower and laundry facilities
- Provided job, utility, housing, and transportation assistance, either through direct service or help in accessing other services available in the community

### **Project Background**

Due to the age, deteriorating condition and challenging layout of its current facility, Jubilee will renovate their existing building and construct a new building addition on an adjacent site owned by Jubilee. The current building, located at 2005 Wyandotte Street, supports a soup kitchen, clothing room, guest bathrooms and showers, counseling offices, laundry, and administrative offices.

In 2020, Jubilee hired Indovina to conduct a feasibility study of the existing building to determine whether renovation was feasible for the existing building. At the end of the process, it was determined that the best course of action would be to renovate the existing building and provide a small addition on the adjacent Jubilee owned parcel.

The existing building is approximately 8,474 sq. ft, and the building addition is around 1500 sq. ft. for a total of 9,974 sq. ft. The existing building comprises an original two-story building with two underutilized single-story additions at the back. The renovation will include the same programming as before, except featuring an expanded clothing room, expanded administration and a new food pantry at the second level. The ground level will be primarily programmed as soup kitchen and dining. The new addition will have an elevator that provides access for staff and guests to the second level.

Renovation will include gutting the existing building, providing all new electrical, MEP services, portions of roof replacement, and a complete reworking of the existing spaces. The building's

ground level front façade will be opened up by adding new window openings to allow natural light into the space. Off street surface parking is also being proposed to accommodate five cars.

The project construction budget is anticipated to be approximately 3.5 million dollars.