

## FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES LEARNING CENTER

@ PARKER APARTMENTS

2105 PARKER LANE, AUSTIN, TX



Foundation Communities (FC) currently operates 14 “Learning Centers” around Austin and North Texas that serve a wide range of both resident and neighborhood needs. Each Learning Center is staffed by a full-time, on-site Learning Center Manager, who is supported by several part-time on-site positions and a wide breadth and depth of other Foundation Communities’ colleagues and volunteers from our Education, Health Initiatives, and Volunteer Engagement programs, as well as a variety of FC partner agencies

### Typical FC Services at Parker Lane

FC’s plan for 2105 Parker Lane includes both a new affordable housing community, as well as a robust Learning Center that will serve both FC residents and neighbors alike. At this location, we expect to offer typical FC services programming, delivered by our staff and available on-site for free to surrounding neighbors, including:

- Weekly fitness classes, with both in person and virtual options (i.e. yoga, meditation, Zumba)
- Healthy food pantry, offered twice per month
- Various nutrition education programs, offered quarterly
- Annual health fair, including vaccinations, blood pressure checks, etc.



As we do at our existing Learning Centers, FC also intends to complement our own services at Parker Lane with a variety of free programs offered by long-standing partners, which may include:



- Parenting classes with Any Baby Can and/or Mama Sana
- Fresh produce boxes through the Sustainable Food Center
- Public health support through Austin Public Health

Additionally, at this site, we will offer our large, robust after school and summer youth programs. Space in these youth programs is prioritized first for FC residents, but it is also available for and we expect to serve non-resident students of Linder Elementary School.

### Special Partnerships and Services at Parker Lane

We know that this site housed valued nonprofits in the past, and we are hoping to continue as many of the previous uses as possible. We are in discussions with Meals on Wheels and plan to continue their use of the site as a distribution center, if that is still a need. We are also exploring a partnership with the Wesley Nurse Program, as we have done at other FC locations.

Part of our agreement with the United Methodist Church is that we will provide UMC with new office space, which they in turn expect to utilize for a variety of mission-oriented activities. This would include Justice for Our Neighbors, the church's nonprofit immigration clinic that previously was located at the Parker Lane site. The United Methodist Church will be identifying other neighborhood service needs in the future including counseling, parenting and family support, and small group gatherings.

The site's adjacency to Heritage Oaks Park has also provided our Health Initiatives team with a new realm of ideas. We would welcome discussion with the neighborhood about partnering to offer health events out of the park, such as outdoor fitness classes and/or a more expansive health fair.



We welcome the opportunity to provide space to groups like Our House, and we are in discussion with AVANCE regarding potential interest in providing services at this location. FC also has a long existing list of regular partners, and our services offerings are always growing and evolving. After we open a new community, we often tailor new program offerings based on resident need, and anticipate doing so at this site as well.

We heard a desire for periodic meeting space at this location, and we are happy to make our meeting rooms available to other groups whenever possible based on staffing availability and other services programs.

### [More Information](#)

Our goal and intention is to be a collaborative partner with the surrounding neighborhood. If there are specific ideas or questions regarding use of this space, please contact Walter Moreau at [walter.moreau@foundcom.org](mailto:walter.moreau@foundcom.org) or Sabrina Butler at [sabrina.butler@foundcom.org](mailto:sabrina.butler@foundcom.org).

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