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CHILD ABUSE RESPONSE & EVALUATION

## **The CARE Center Expansion Plans Myth v. Truth**

**Myth: Property owners are required to honor the history of a structure they own, even if that structure has not been designated as a historical property.**

Truth: The law is clear. Management of a private property including, renovation, upkeep or demolition, is the right and responsibility of the property owners. In this case, The CARE Center owners have chosen to honor the history of the property because they believe it's the right thing to do.

**Myth: The CARE Center does not care about preserving Oklahoma City's rich and diverse history.**

Truth: The CARE Center is excited to work with the women of the Brockway Center to help tell their story and support their current activities. We have reached an agreement with the women to provide space for their activities, in perpetuity, and we will provide a seat on our board of directors for their members. We welcome the opportunity to partner with such an important organization and share their mission of providing support for our community's most vulnerable citizens.

**Myth: The CARE Center made no effort to preserve the building.**

Truth: The CARE Center initially planned to renovate and rehabilitate the house. However, independent experts informed us it would not be possible to do that safely and meet the needs of the kids The CARE Center serves. It's important to note that The CARE Center owns and has already renovated five other properties in the immediate area of the Brockway Center. While this building can't safely be renovated, the importance of the work that went on there will be memorialized inside and outside the new space.

**Myth: The CARE Center knew and ignored the history of the building.**

Truth: When the CARE Center purchased the building, we knew it only as a private residence. When we discovered the significance of the building, we began to look for ways to work with the women of the Brockway Center to help honor their history and assist in their current work.

**Myth: The property in question is not zoned for commercial use.**

Truth: The home was initially zoned for residential use but is now zoned for commercial use. The property has not been designated as historical, nor did it have that designation when The CARE Center purchased it in 2018.

**Myth: The CARE Center didn't consider a Land Swap offered by the City.**

Truth: Neither the City nor any other entity has offered to "swap" properties with The CARE Center. The CARE Center owns the property in question and does not have the funds to purchase additional property in the area.