

REPORT OF ST. RAPHAEL'S PLACE
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The vision of St. Raphael's Place is to extend the family home as a Christian community where children will be loved, nurtured and encouraged to learn through play.

The mission of St. Raphael's Place is to

- minister to families with young children;
- nurture the whole child as a gift from God;
- nurture lasting relationships between St. Raphael's Episcopal Church and children's families as a means of Christian support;
- provide St. Raphael's Episcopal Church opportunities to strengthen its partnership with the local community; and
- be a resource for St. Raphael's Episcopal Church's congregational growth.

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Executive Summary

2017 has been focused on completion of construction necessary to renovate the property for child care. As this report is being written construction is in its final stages moving towards final inspections. Landscape work remains as well as a few interior projects, such as blowing insulation into the attic. I have accepted a call to serve a church in Pontiac Michigan and will end my work as rector of St. Raphael's of August 31st. Irene Kornelly will oversee the remaining work to its completion. The Colorado Episcopal Foundation has continued to act as an institutional partner in this project as we have pursued completion of construction and have prepared for its initial opening. We are current on our payments with them.

The Report Follows

Since last year's report St Raphael's Place began its construction and secured permits needed to perform that work. We are especially grateful to Chris Richardson, president of CMG Construction for generously providing oversight as our general contractor. Likewise, we are grateful to Michael McDonald for providing the architectural work necessary to detail this work. Both people are local members of the Colorado Springs community and have given out of response to their own Christian convictions and desires to serve Christ! As of today, an outside storage shed is in place, framing completed, sheetrock work, taping, floating and painting are complete. The taping and floating was provided as a gift by the general contractor. The painting was provided by a skilled painter who is recipient of our weekly food pantry resources and he

wanted to give back out of gratitude. Electrical work is complete, which involved moving service to the building so the breaker could be relocated. My son-in-law is a licensed electrician and was able to provide most of the electrical rough in work as a gift of his skills. He lives in Denver, not locally. Plumbing fixtures are being placed; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) is complete; flooring has been provided and installed by a parishioner who supports this project. Metal ADA compliant railings and landscaping remain. Artificial turf has been donated by a local resident so that a portion of the playground area can be covered with that product. Landscaping and irrigation will be the focus of work beginning September. An occupancy permit will be sought upon completion of this remaining work.

Support has come from so many different sources coming from a wide range of relationships to St. Raphael's. This project has truly been made possible because of collaboration within the diocese and outside of the congregation. I feel like Moses looking into the promised land knowing that I will not be able to enter. At the same time, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to introduce this ministry to the community knowing that the children we serve will also become a conduit with the potential of revitalizing this parish.

As a footnote. The vacant lot acquired with the purchase of this property will be used as the site for St. Raphael's annual craft fair. Located along 300 feet of Main Street the congregation and vendors are bound to see the kind of pedestrian traffic they have long hoped for.

Faithfully submitted by,

The Rev. Christopher A, Johnson, D. Min.
St. Raphael's Place
President of the Board