



## **Catholic Social Services Celebrates Completion of \$3.5 Million Renovation and Expansion**

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Lincoln, NE – The public is invited to an open house and tour of the Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska (CSS) headquarters in Lincoln, to celebrate the completion of a major expansion and renovation project. The event will take place October 14. “The primary motivation for the project was an expansion of CSS programs and services requiring a need for more space,” explains CSS Executive Director Katie Patrick. “Plus, making the entire campus more inviting, functional, and secure for clients, staff, and volunteers, was equally important.” Grants and some private fundraising covered the cost of the \$3.5 million effort.

**CSS Open House and Tour  
Saturday, Oct. 14, 1pm to 3pm  
2241 O Street, Lincoln  
Bishop James D. Conley will bless the building at 1:30pm**

Increasing demands from the community was the reason for CSS’ expanded services. “Programs like the Food Market, Family Support Services, St. Gianna Program (for women escaping domestic violence), Refugee Resettlement, Immigration Legal Services, and Employment Services, have all seen a surge in activity, necessitating the hiring of additional staff,” explains Patrick.

Renovations to the building include:

A revamped waiting room providing a more dignified and spacious environment for clients.

- For those clients served through CSS’s breakfast and sack lunch programs, the renovation creates a more hospitable space.
- The multiple-purpose room, now larger and more versatile, serves as a hub for classes on financial literacy, English and US Citizenship, community gatherings, job fairs, and more.
- A newly designed grassy area and entryway provide a more welcoming first impression for clients, volunteers, and staff.
- Last year, the first stage of the CSS renovation project was completed with the remodel of the St. Louise Gift & Thrift Store, adjacent to CSS. A community garden and greenhouse have also been established next to the thrift store.

CSS is a non-profit organization that has been around for nearly a century helping people in need of all backgrounds and faiths across 24,000 square miles of southern Nebraska. Headquartered in Lincoln, this renovation and expansion embodies the spirit of “Hope in the Good Life.” CSS can be found at [www.csshope.org](http://www.csshope.org).