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“The Well Purchases Building in Fairfield”

Fairfield, Iowa - The Well purchased the building that housed the Foursquare Church located on 1700 S Main Street in Fairfield, Iowa in early August. The 22,400 square foot space is an ideal size and location for the current and future needs of The Well including The Well Thrift Store retail area, donation processing room, and The Well Resource Center ministry space. Renovations of the building will begin to take place early in the month of September, with a targeted opening date near the end of the 2020 year.

The Well offers individuals a way to find help and hope when facing difficult circumstances by helping meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. As an organization, it focuses on the total person to help those struggling reach long-term stability in their lives. The Well does this through community partnerships and innovative programs, all while focusing on building relationships and addressing the root cause of the issues at hand. Anyone is welcome to receive services through The Well Resource Center.

"The Well is led by an excellent leadership team, and it will be an economic driver to our community. Their holistic wrap-around rehabilitation services will play an important role in continuing to build a stable and successful local workforce. I'm impressed with their partnership approach and I look forward to the community being able to see what they have to offer," said Joshua Laraby, Executive Director for Fairfield Economic Development Association.

Earlier this year, the Well leadership team, and a local scoping committee of community members, have been looking closely at the Fairfield community as a whole and its resources. Conversations with several individuals in various capacities in Fairfield have taken place to determine if and how The Well structure could help. The team is very impressed with the quality and variety of services Fairfield already offers to the community and is excited to partner with such a caring community. The Well will not be duplicating any local services currently offered but will focus to coordinate efforts with existing organizations and resources. Individuals, organizations, and businesses can use The Well to find the needed information and refer clients.

The Cornerstone Community Well (CCW) in Fairfield has done many great things for the community and reached out to The Well. CCW will move its services and clients to the Well in



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Fairfield. CCW staff is looking forward to the opportunity to “close its doors' ', but “open” many new doors with the larger organization structure. There will be many new outreach opportunities for the individuals, organizations, and businesses in Fairfield.

In addition to existing current Fairfield services, The Well offers personal finance classes with strategies for managing money, addiction recovery resources, and other opportunities to help people move forward in their life. A Call to Serve Ministries (ACTS) connects people who could use possible project assistance in their homes, with willing and able volunteers who can lend a hand. The Well has built a work program called Well Works, where local businesses provide work for clients to learn how to keep a job again and fulfill the needs of businesses. The Well Thrift Store is a multi-department and donation-based retailer with 100% of the income generated through thrift store sales supporting the ministry services of The Well, while also providing valuable volunteer opportunities for people to be involved. Money stays local and supports the local community.

About The Well - The Well is an organization of people from area churches, non-profits, businesses and foundations interested in more effectively ministering to those in need in Jefferson County. Through volunteers and partnerships with churches and social service agencies, we hope to be a place of encouragement and support that connects people to necessary resources. The Well is a Christian ministry with no affiliation to any specific church denomination. The Well’s purpose is combining the love of Christ, the help of our communities and the strength in every person to find hope for life. Fairfield is the third location for The Well, which started in Pella and has a second site in Knoxville. These cities have met very favorable results. More information will be shared on a continual basis.

For more information, go to: thewelliowa.org

Photo Attached: The Well Fairfield Building Plans

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