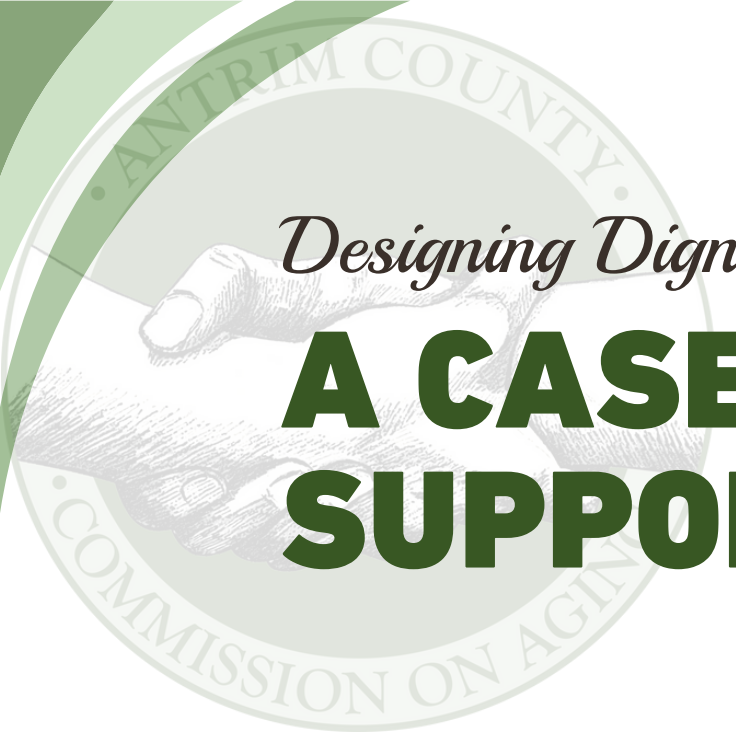




Designing Dignity

A CASE FOR SUPPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The need for safe, engaging, and supportive services for older adults has never been greater. Antrim County's 2020 US Census notes that our residents aged 65 and up comprised 30% of the population, and our fastest growing demographic is that same age group.

The Antrim County Commission on Aging's (COA) current building in Bellaire is bursting at the seams and is limiting the availability of supportive programs. To help meet the increasing demand for senior services, the COA has developed concept plans for a ±4,500 square-foot addition.

The addition will enhance services for seniors and their families and allow us to provide adult day respite care, personal care, wellness and enrichment activities, and many critical senior services—all in one welcoming, accessible environment designed specifically for aging adults. A capital campaign for funding construction costs is in its early stages.

THE NEED

Our seniors and their families are dealing with significant challenges. Social isolation and loneliness can exacerbate cognitive decline and chronic health conditions. Many seniors are dealing with physical difficulties due to illness, balance, surgery, and other health concerns that impede their ability to bathe without assistance.

In Antrim County, there are few safe daytime supervision opportunities for seniors with cognitive or physical decline. This can lead to caregiver burnout for families who are balancing work and health concerns for their loved ones.



The existing COA building is limiting our ability to assist the growing number of seniors who need structured activities, meals, and health monitoring. We cannot help families who are looking for affordable alternatives to full-time care. **Without adding to our current space, seniors and families are left without critical support.**

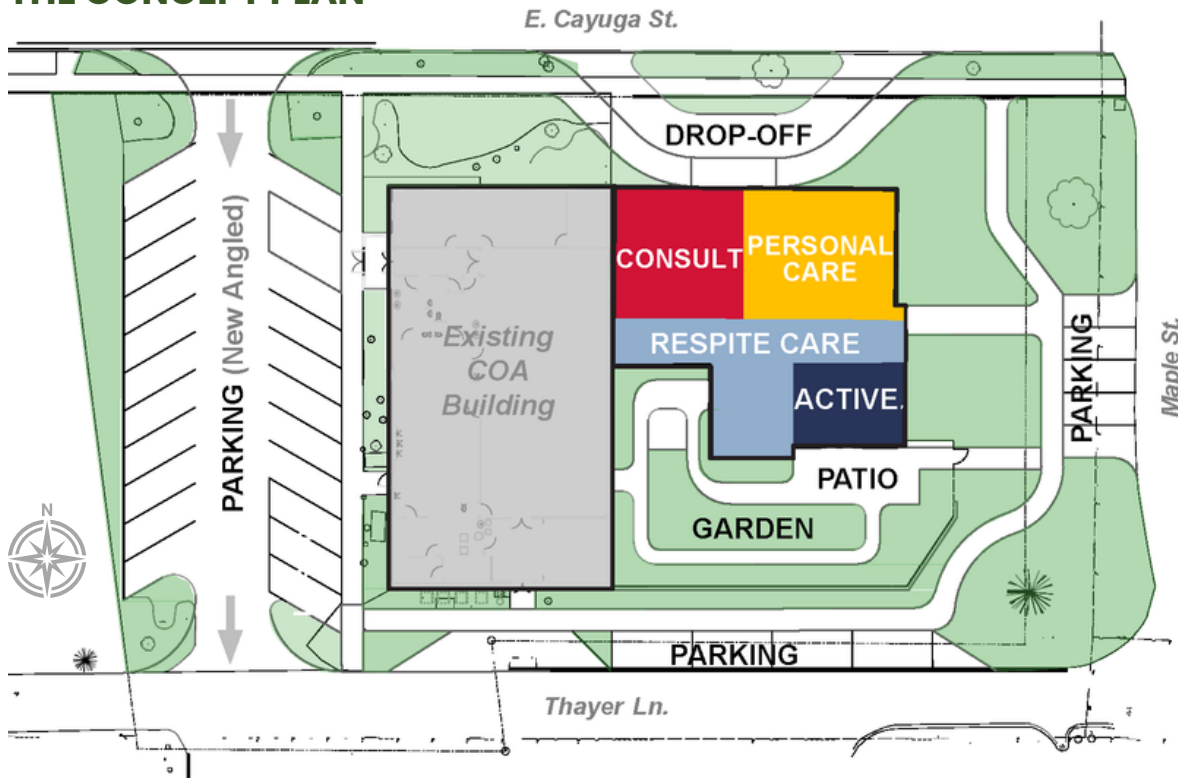
THE VISION



The proposed ±4,500 sq. ft. addition will support aging with dignity, safety, and connection. The facility expansion addresses a need for critical services for seniors and their families and will become the “hub” of our senior community’s daily life within Antrim County. The expanded services will include:

- **Healthy Living:** Needs of mind, body, and spirit, including socialization and supportive health services, lifelong learning, and indoor and outdoor activities to improve community health for all seniors
- **Adult Day Respite Care:** Supervised daytime care for seniors with cognitive and physical needs
- **Personal Care:** Bathing/grooming/footcare
- **Multi-purpose activity:** Opportunities for fitness, arts, education, and social engagement
- **Confidential office space:** Consultation and assistance on legal issues, tax preparation, Medicare/Medicaid enrollment, etc.
- **Accessible covered entrance:** Safe drop off for our seniors
- **Use in Emergencies:** The building will be supported by a generator, providing the potential for residents who are impacted by long-term power outages to have shower access

THE CONCEPT PLAN



THE IMPACT

For Seniors

The most direct and immediate impact of this project will be increased quality of life and independence for participating seniors. They will be in an environment that can improve physical, cognitive, and emotional health. In addition, they will have abundant opportunities to make meaningful social connections in a safe environment.

For Families & Caregivers

Almost as important are the many secondary benefits. Families and caregivers will have access to a reliable daytime program that will provide respite and peace of mind. This will reduce caregiver stress and burnout, project support that allows loved ones to remain at home as long as possible, and create possibilities for the caregiver to become employed.

For the Community

There will be a reduced strain on healthcare systems and long-term care facilities, a stronger network of support services to continue to make Antrim County an "Age Friendly Community," and a more effective and efficient use of COA's caregiver resources by providing some care at a centralized space.



THE OPPORTUNITY

This capital campaign is not simply about adding square footage, it is about building capacity to serve our Antrim County seniors with dignity and compassion. The new addition will allow us to:

- Serve significantly more seniors each year
- Expand programming and hours of services
- Respond proactively to the region's demographic trends
- Ensure sustainability for decades to come

This project represents a **once-in-a-generation opportunity** to invest in our aging adults and the families who care for them.

THE CAMPAIGN GOAL

Our fundraising goal for the capital campaign is **\$3.8 million**.

This is estimated to be the total project cost and includes final design, construction drawings, site preparation, construction, furnishings, and equipment. Program launch and staff support are included in this total.



THE CALL TO PARTNERSHIP

We are inviting select donors, foundations, and community leaders to become **founding partners** in this transformative project. Your assistance will help create a safe, dignified care environment, expand essential senior services, and leave a legacy rooted in compassion and community.

Together, we can build a space where seniors are valued, supported, and connected., and where we can continue to be an “Age-Friendly County.”

THE NEXT STEPS

- Gather guidance from community and partner donors
- Share architectural and program concepts
- Develop campaign prospects and a campaign timeline
- Develop leadership gift opportunities
- Secure early commitments to inspire broader support

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