

# equaspace

A Place & Space for Nonprofits to Thrive!

## Mission

Provide a platform of high-functioning workspaces, shared knowledge, resources, and opportunities for collaboration.

## Vision

Imagine a beautiful space where:

- Leaders driving community change can work, share resources and knowledge, amplify their impact with peers, and create synergy between organizations; and
- Staff have access to a Community Collaborator, who works with tenants to offer specialized amenities, technical assistance, intentional connections, and resources.

Imagine EquaSpace, opening in August 2024 at the Court International Building.



## The EquaSpace Model

Not Your Traditional Landlord

- EquaSpace is developing a 16,000+/-sf center in Saint Paul's Court International Building to serve as the headquarters for a diverse group of 20-25 local nonprofits, focusing on a myriad of community needs, and 150+ employees to the city.
- We are committed to making our unique, transformational space work for our 20-25 nonprofit tenants, ensuring they have a voice in governing the center. They will be able to build their own culture, without the distractions of overhead costs and ownership.

Reimagining How We Work

- Research shows that a model of mutual support creates more impact than organizations working alone. Critical infrastructure has proven to be a worthwhile capacity-building tool for social change makers. Customizing for the Twin Cities and the shifting demands of work, EquaSpace will be an impactful investment in our community.

Amplifying Change

- We will serve systems change focused nonprofits that are taking on many of society's intractable issues, including: education, workforce development, advocacy, and cultural identity.
- Imagine the amplification of community driven solutions in our community if 20-25 nonprofits could sustainably expand capacity by even 10% because they reside in EquaSpace.

## Benefits of EquaSpace

- First of its kind location in the Twin Cities
- Average of \$15,000 annual savings on rent
- Proximity to other nonprofits, amenities onsite and/or nearby, free parking and public transit
- Access to communal spaces – conference rooms,
- IT and technical support, reception area, etc.
- Professional development opportunities
- Enhancement of organizational missions
- Increased program capacity

## The Ask

\$250,000 to provide work space and wrap-around services to small and startup nonprofit organizations, including IT support, human resource assistance, accounting, fundraising, and executive director support.

## EquaSpace Leadership & Contact Information

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*Foster Advocates is a growing organization and at a staff retreat this past fall, my team said, 'Wouldn't it be nice to have a space where we can hold team retreats, such as this, or have a place where we can have one-to-one meetings and meeting space for when we need to meet with a young person.' This was serendipitous because Sarah Clyne, EquaSpace's Executive Director, and I had lunch the day after the retreat, and I became excited about how EquaSpace could provide what we need -- an affordable and accessible space for us to think, dream, create, and be in community.'* - Nikki Beasley, Executive Director, Foster Advocates, Future Nonprofit Tenant of EquaSpace