



Lt. Governor Sara Rodriguez visits with the founders of Wausau's Community Partners Campus and Mayor Katie Rosenberg. The campus was funded with the help of a \$1.5 million Neighborhood Investment Fund grant.

Community Partners Campus Offers One-stop Shopping for Those in Need

Wausau's Community Partners Campus brings multiple human services nonprofits under one roof, with an emphasis on food, shelter, medical care, and social well-being. The facility, which opened earlier this year, was funded with the help of a \$1.5-million Neighborhood Investment Fund grant that supplemented the approximately \$5 million the project organizers raised from the community. The campus houses more than a half-dozen organizations, including the Wausau Free Clinic, Wausau Area Mobile Meals, Marathon County Human Services, and the North Central Community Action Program, which provide residents with the opportunity to access many services with just one stop in a centrally-located, modern, and welcoming facility.

"Instead of a client having to travel all over the region to take advantage of these services, they are now under one roof," the City of Wausau leaders remarked on the project. "This has allowed a much-improved experience for our people in need. Many of those that are served lack transportation. The new facility is on the city bus line. Prior to opening, a client could spend an entire day or more traveling across the area; now everything is in one building."

"Another great aspect of the project is that by moving all these nonprofits to one building, the CPC has been able to charge below-market rate rents for their nonprofit partners who were all financially impacted by COVID. Some of the partners were on the brink of making difficult decisions on what their futures held, but they have been able to thrive in the new space."



The Community Partners Campus houses multiple human services nonprofits, including The Market, a 'safe and healthy food pantry' run by volunteers from the Neighbors Place.