


*There's a  
Better Way!*



THE  
SHEPHERD'S  
PLACE Children's Home  
& Academy





**T**he Shepherd's Place Children's Home and Academy is available for school-age children who are in need of care. We provide a loving environment in which they can stay and get a quality education to help equip them for a bright future.

Our theme is *“There’s a Better Way.”* In all of life’s challenges there is always hope and a better way forward to be discovered.

The Shepherd's Place is chartered as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The Academy is registered with the Department of Non-Public Instruction in Raleigh, NC and holds membership and candidate accreditation status in the North Carolina Christian School Association and the American Association of Christian Schools. Inspections are conducted annually by the Department of Non-Public Instruction for compliance in the areas of student attendance, achievement test scores, teacher certifications and maintenance of facilities.

We are governed by a board of directors. An advisory board of community and national leaders is being developed. Thank you for your interest in helping us help children. We appreciate your prayers and support.

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*Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit **the fatherless** and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” —James 1:27*



# *facts* about *The Shepherd's Place*

- Located on 165 wooded acres in Monroe, NC
- Present campus includes:
  - » A 6 bedroom/6.5 bath brick living quarters with a spacious living room, playroom, and commercial kitchen.
  - » A 3 bedroom/2.5 bath brick farmhouse
  - » A barn
  - » 2 pastures
  - » 1 pond and multiple creeks
- Next building projects:
  - » Remodeling of living quarter's exterior – new roof and columns (new playground being provided by Lowes)
  - » Remodeling of farmhouse – new roof, windows, flooring, heat pump (\$4,500 needed now) – new furniture committed.
  - » Construction of a 2-story administration and education building with a connecting courtyard to the existing living quarters
    - Approved architectural drawings on hand (see pages 10-12)
    - Rough water and sewer installed
  - » Recreation Facility – plans are being developed for a gymnasium and recreation facility. Not only is this a genuine need for the children, but we must also have this facility to complete our academy accreditation process.
- Harbour House Shoppes at 2605 Old Charlotte Hwy, Monroe, NC is a thrift store helping The Shepherd's Place





President Tim Cruise with  
Founders Sai & Pauline Citro

# *Our History*

AS TOLD IN PART BY JOSH WHITENER

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More than 25 years ago, Sal and Pauline Citro had a vision to reach out to local children who had nowhere else to go.

The Citros, originally from Boston, relocated to North Carolina and purchased property in southern Union County in the late 1980s for the purpose of building a children's home. After about a decade of planning and preparation, the couple opened The Shepherd's Place Children's Home and Academy in the late 1990s.

The Citros oversaw the day-to-day operations of the home until health conditions interfered. They made the tough decision to close the home until they could find someone who could carry the torch.

Cue Shining Light Baptist Church.

Rev. Tim Cruse, senior pastor of the Monroe church, crossed paths with The Shepherd's Place in late 2012, which ultimately led to the church's decision to take the reigns and re-open the children's home.

"The Lord put it in our hearts to come alongside The Shepherd's Place and help get it re-opened." Cruse said.

The Shining Light church family agreed by faith to retire the founding board's existing commitments of \$634,000.00. A total of \$130,000 was raised in three months to pay off a bank note. Another local bank partnered with the church to secure a loan on behalf of the home for the remaining balance that was owed to individuals.

In early 2015, a 40-acre adjoining farm was acquired by The Shepherd's Place. The children's home now has 165-total acres and road frontage on Trinity Church Road and Carl Belk Road in the greater Charlotte area of Monroe, North Carolina.

# *Ways you can Help*



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- Pray daily for the staff and children.
- Support the home each month financially.
- Give a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one.
- Provide food, clothes, cattle, farm equipment, etc.
- Organize a church, school, neighborhood, or workplace offering and/or food drive.
- Donate items to our thrift store.
- Invest in our Education Scholarship Fund.
- Volunteer on special work days/weeks.
- Enlist others to help as a community service project.
- Underwrite or help raise funds for a building project.
- Participate in the annual Christmas offering.



# *Children Helping Children*

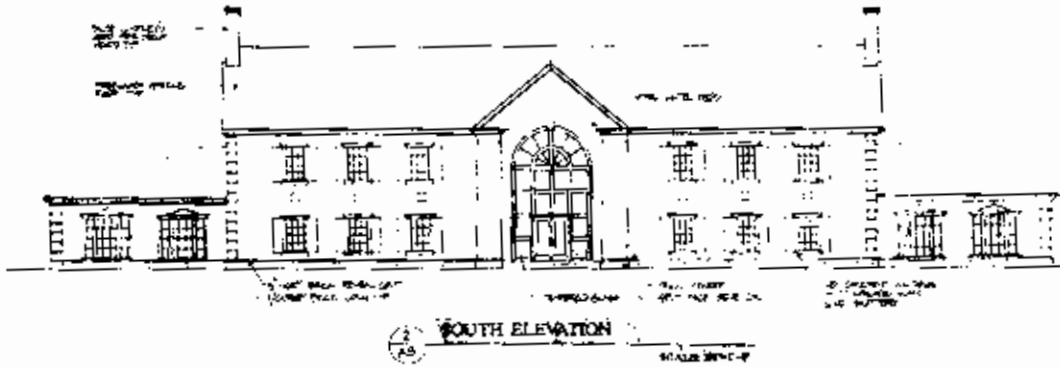
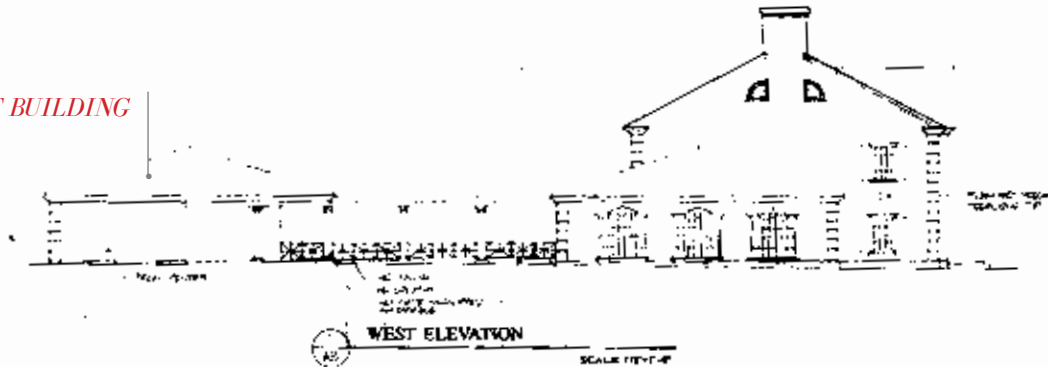
During the summer of 2015, Hope Children's Home from Tampa, Florida partnered with The Shepherd's Place in an effort to give our main facility a total interior makeover. The children of Hope decided to spend their vacation money someone had given them on The Shepherd's Place to help get it ready for other children in need. Shortly after the home was remodeled, we were able to reopen it and begin taking in children. Please pray for us as we work with families in need.



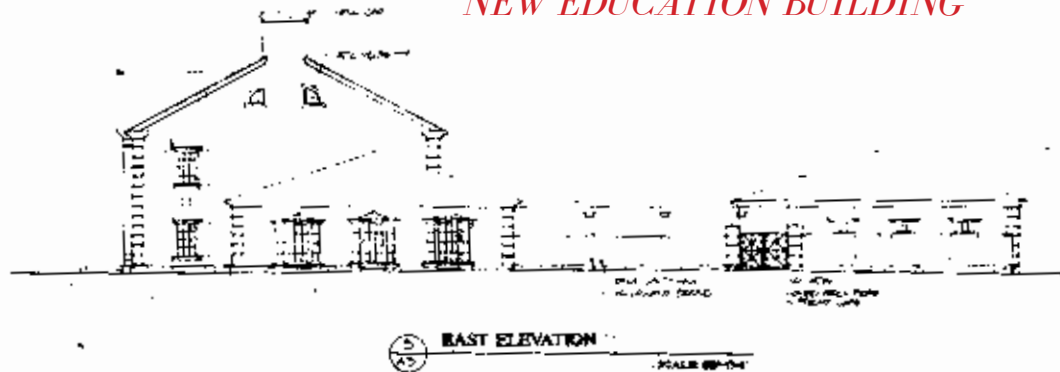
# *Our Future Plans*

- A Town Center in the middle of the property with a clock tower, general store, gameroom, putt-putt course and swimming pool.
- Neighborhoods off of the Town Center with cottages for family living for the children and houseparents, a widows housing community, a fully functioning youth camp with a new lake, walking trails, cabins, ball fields and outdoor amphitheatre, and a barn-type conference center in the farm neighborhood.
- We will need:
  - » Assistance of a site planner, architects, and contractors.
  - » A fence along the front of the education building with a gated entrance.
  - » Connecting roads built throughout the property.
  - » A climate-controlled storage facility.
  - » A garage repair shop.
  - » Minibuses and a travel bus to take the children to special events.
  - » Golf carts to travel the campus.
  - » Additional staff housing.

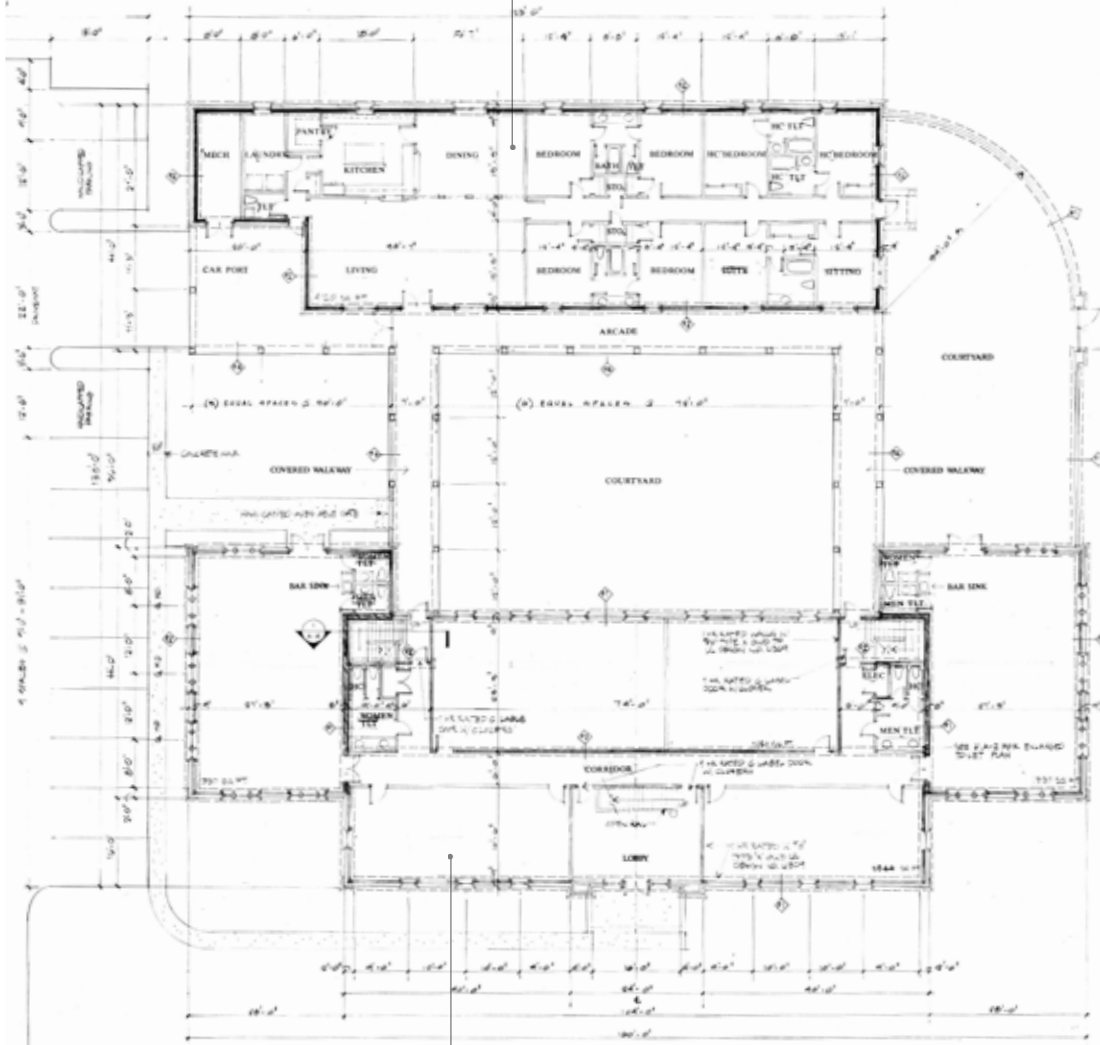
*CURRENT BUILDING*



*NEW EDUCATION BUILDING*



*PRESENT FACILITY*

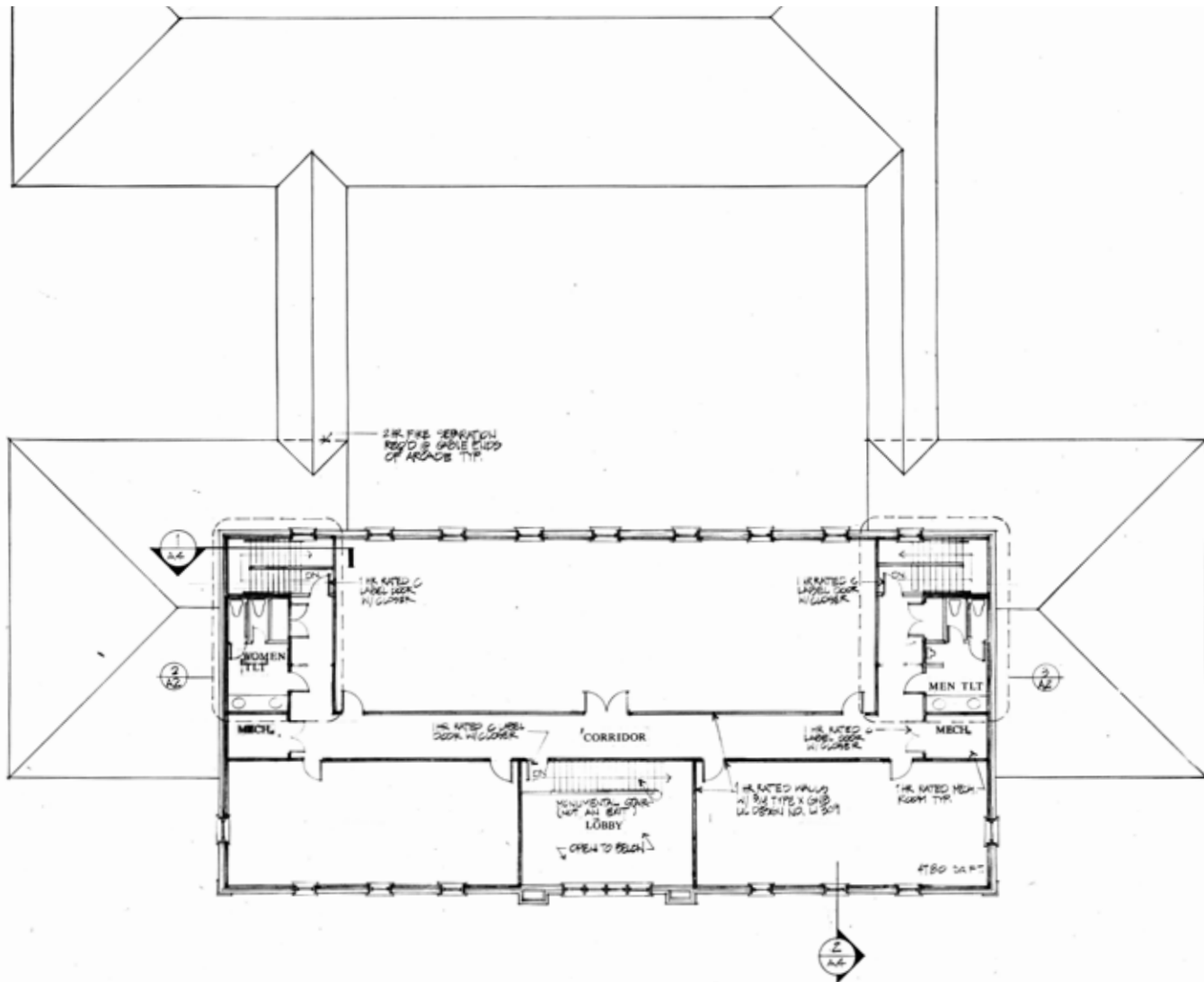


*NEW CONNECTING  
EDUCATION BUILDING*



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"



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**SECOND FLOOR PLAN**

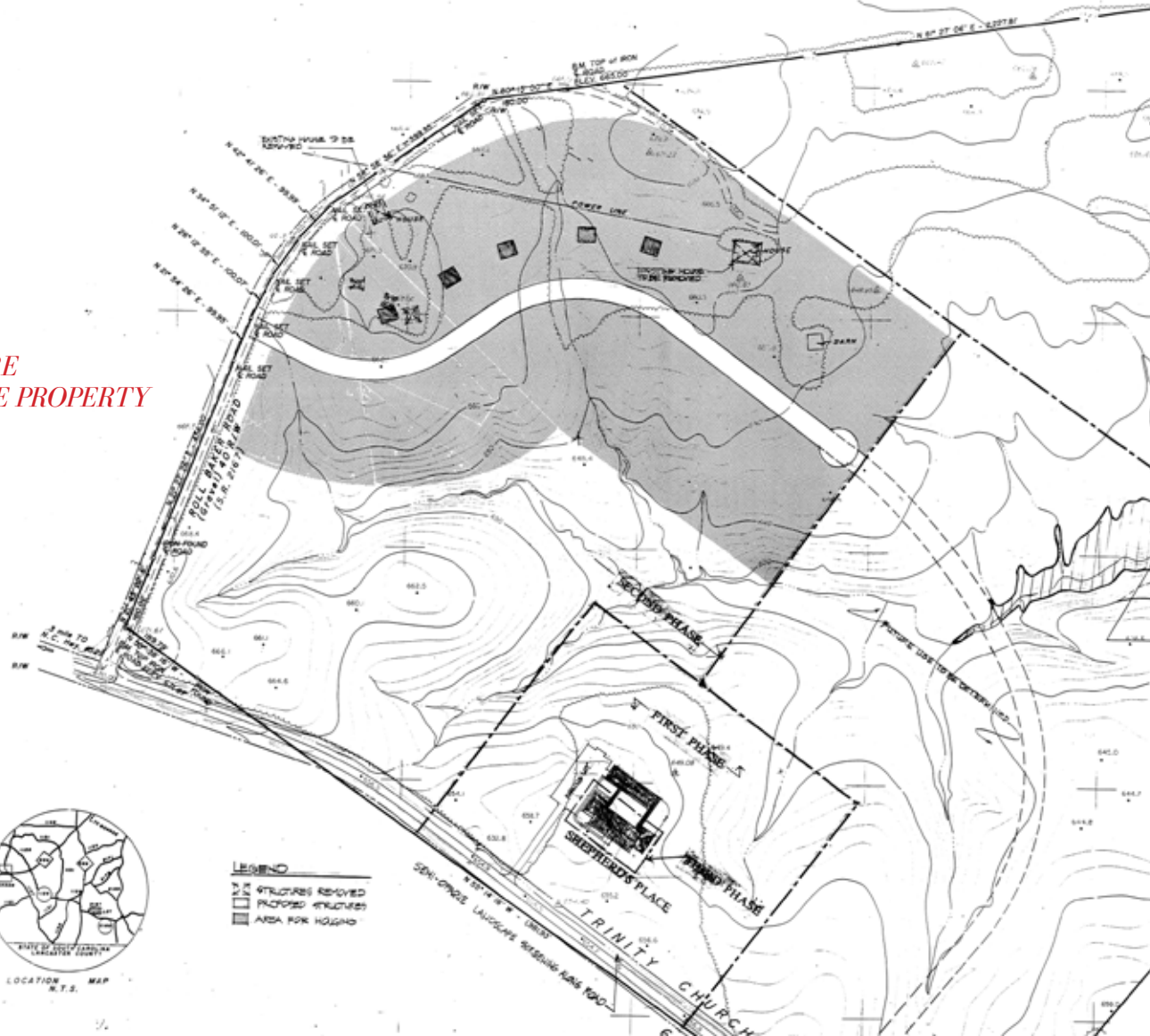
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*125-ACRE  
CHILDREN'S HOME PROPERTY*



LOCATION MAP  
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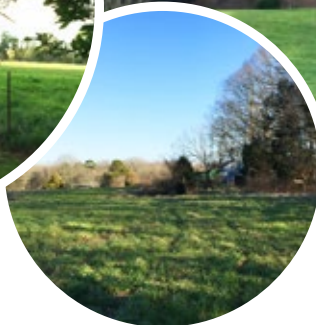
- LEGEND**
- STRUCTURES REMOVED
  - PROPOSED STRUCTURES
  - AREA FOR HOUSING







*40-ACRE  
FARM PROPERTY*





*He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth  
unto the LORD; and that which he hath given  
will he pay him again.” —Proverbs 28:27*

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