

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is between the Oklahoma City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, of (address) Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, whose mission is to advance the moral, economic, social and spiritual welfare of all families, continuing to live up to its motto "Lifting As We Climb," and the CARE Center, located at 1403 Ashton Place, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117, which has as its worthy mission plans to expand its Child Abuse Response & Evaluation services to end child abuse in Oklahoma County. This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on the date of the last signature below for the collaborative purpose of continuing to enrich the lives of children in our City. The parties hereto agree that any new construction on the site of the former Brockway Center should be designed with architecture that is respectful of, and sensitive to the architecture of the historic Brockway Center and the context and character of the neighborhood in which the Brockway Center currently sits.

### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the Brockway Center has long served as a visual beacon and tribute to what began in 1896 as a new era in African American womanhood, providing a vehicle for positive action through organized effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARE Center advocates programs to educate and heal and teaches children age-appropriate topics including home safety, body safety and survival, with licensing partners across the country, and through its ROAR program teaches children ages 4 -8 how to protect themselves from abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, both parties hereto recognize the critical need to merge the old and the new, with a continued recognition of the worthy goals of both the ladies of the OCFCWC and the CARE Center, and agree that this MOU is to formally establish parameters for a manner in which the joint - yet separate - goals to raise the level of women and children to the highest plane can continue in a manner that enhances the community as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties hereto specifically agree as follows:

### I. TERM

This MOU shall be effective immediately upon the signing by the last party hereto, and shall remain in perpetuity as a monument to the commitment between the parties hereto in recognition of both the former Brockway Center structure and its important part of the fabric of our City's rich history and the OCFCWC's service to women and children, as well as to the worthy mission of the CARE Center as it continues its mission to provide important and necessary services in continuation of its positive impact on the youth in our City.

## II. CONSIDERATION

The parties hereto mutually agree to support the worthy goals of each entity as both maintain a commitment to the historic testament of the merging of the old and the new in support of women and children in our community. In that cooperative spirit, the parties hereto specifically agree as follows:

1. The ladies of the OCFCWC will withdraw their formal objection to demolition of the historic Brockway Center structure and continue their efforts in collaboration with the CARE Center through assistance with education to the public of the mission of the CARE Center.
2. Subject to availability, The CARE Center will permanently provide a designated space at no charge within the new facility for OCFCWC use for meetings which are typically held on the first Saturdays of January through June and September through December from 10:00 a.m. until noon, and other times as may be agreed upon by both parties hereto, events and community service activities which will include a display of historic markers regarding the OCFCWC in a room dedicated to the history of the Federation; a marker at the curb of the new facility with a picture of the Brockway Center building at the 1440 N Everest site, including a brief history of the OCFCWC prepared and submitted by the OCFCWC; and a permanent Marker attached to the structure near the front entrance of the new CARE Center facility acknowledging the rich history of the OCFCWC.
3. In order to ensure an impartial and professional evaluation of the compatibility of the new center with the legacy of the Brockway Center and the surrounding context, the CARE Center agrees to participate in a non-binding, advisory review of the new design by a qualified body, such as the City of Oklahoma City Historic Preservation Commission.
4. A member of OCFCWC or a designee shall be named to membership on the CARE Center Board of Directors, subject to compliance with the Board Commitment Contract.
5. A member of OCFCWC shall be named to the Future Planning or similar Committee of the CARE Center.

## III. MISCELLANEOUS

This MOU shall be governed by and constructed according to the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

## IV. NOTICES

Notices or other communications to the Oklahoma City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs pursuant to this MOU shall be sufficient if sent by email or registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

Sandra Finney, President, OCFCWC  
333 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street #1515



