



flourish

placemaking collective

Our History

For nearly two decades, Ace in the City (ACE), operated as a nonprofit dedicated to furthering belonging for youth through a variety of programs and services.

In 2019, as Ace sought permanent physical space for its operations, it partnered with Aldrich Presbyterian Church to repurpose over 7,000 square feet in its basement. This reimagined space, which is known as the Center of Belonging (COB), served as the impetus for the organization to evolve into Flourish Placemaking Collective (Flourish).

The COB provides affordable office space for nonprofits and neighbors, sanctuary space for several congregations, and the Flourish Food Market. The market is the first plant-based food pantry in Minnesota, and provides access to free and healthy foods for approximately 10,000 people annually.

Recently, Flourish acquired the entire building and, with it, an opportunity to amplify the flourishing of dozens of community organizations, groups, and neighbors by providing access to reclaimed and repurposed space that can meet current community needs.

Our Mission

Flourish Placemaking Collective is committed to the good and needed work of placemaking*—of reimagining and repurposing space in our neighborhoods and how we inhabit them for the flourishing of us all.



Our Work

- Lead partners in a plan to reimagine, and retain, underutilized space to advance their mission, fulfill community needs, and cultivate authentic and equal belonging.
- Leverage The Center of Belonging to model placemaking with courage and shared conviction to reimagine how space can center the people in a community and fulfill its needs.
- Spark interest and commitment to reclaiming space through demonstrated strategy, practice, and results.

**Placemaking:* The art and act of intentionally planning and making decisions, with community stakeholders at the center, which seeks to ensure private and public assets are used to provide a range of support, connection, and inspiration to those who live, work, and play in the community.

Our Clients

Flourish strives to partner with organizations and individuals that own or steward spaces, and who can benefit from consultative support in reimaging and repurposing space for the near- and long-term benefit of the community.

Our Belief

Communities flourish when they:

- Can access shared spaces that meet their needs
- Occupy neighborhoods that foster positive experiences
- Remain at the center of design and implementation strategy

Our Future

A shared commitment to an accessible network of community-centered spaces that are completely and perpetually resourced, and the belief that these spaces are worthy of being protected from generation to generation.

Join us.

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