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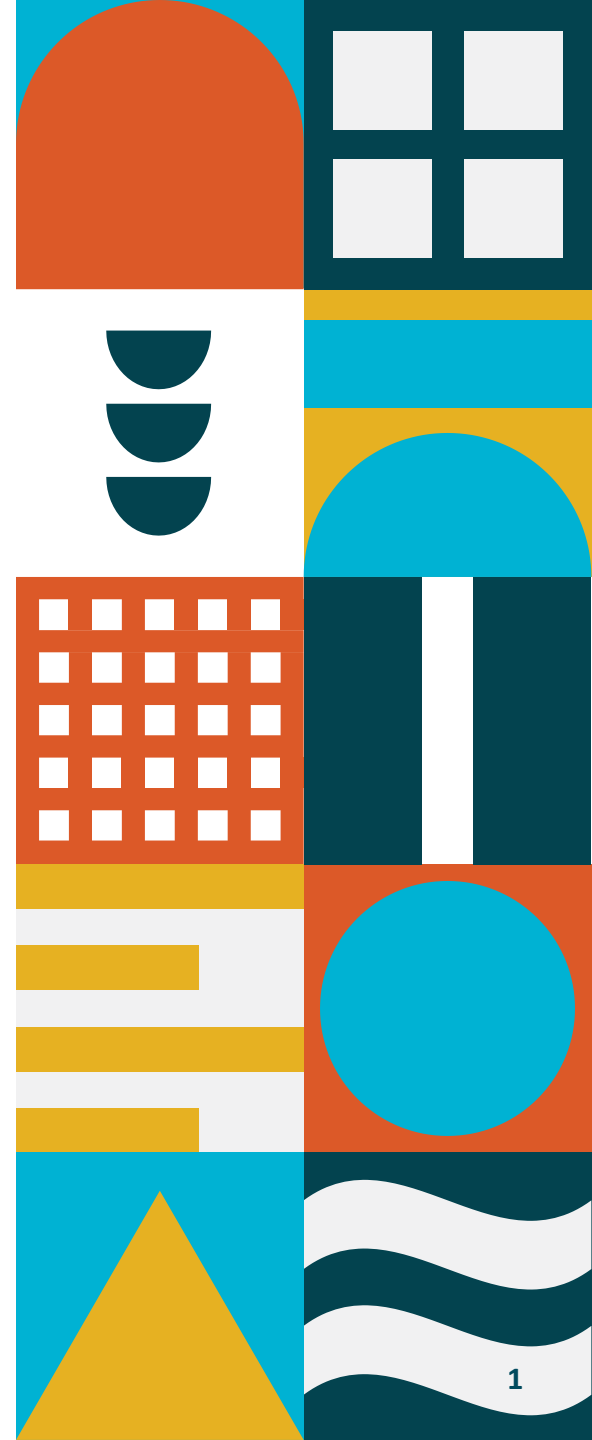
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Edison Arts Foundation

Strengthening the **FAMILY**.

Bridging the **COMMUNITY**.

Developing the **ARTS**.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit fine arts organization, established for the educational and charitable purpose of producing and developing cultural and performing arts programs for children, adults, and families throughout the community.

Who We Are & What We Do

Afterschool Arts Academy



The Afterschool Arts Academy is an after-school fine arts program designed to reach youth in their most critical hours. The Academy is created for kids ages 5 to 13 that have a desire to build on their interest for the arts. We pick students up from school daily, bring them safely to our facility, provide them with a healthy snack, offer homework assistance, and engage them in the arts. The goal of Edison Arts Foundation's Afterschool Arts Academy is to provide underserved, economically disadvantaged, and foster care youth and teens ages 5 to 13 with enhanced after school activities through performing arts and learning enrichment. Every child has the opportunity to find enjoyment in achieving something great, while developing the social and life skills of success.

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ANDance Jr. Company



Small Steps toward Big Leaps

Alice Nealie Dance Junior Company (ANDance) is a pre-professional dance company that prepares young dancers for career paths in dance. Established in 2011, the company has been a self-esteem building, confidence strengthening entity since its genesis. ANDance equips young dancers, ages 7-18 years old, with performance-based dance company experience while capturing from each member skills that cross-over to any discipline or study, such as diligence, dedication, responsibility, creative exploration, and leadership.

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Black History Month: UnCovering the Legacy



During the entire Month of February, Edison Arts Foundation partners with local artists and government to recognize Black History and Black Present with weekly celebrations and community engagement! In honor of Black History Month, we call for artists to create or reimagine works that center around the theme of Black History and Black Present. By showcasing creative content from black artists and allies, sharing our stories, and paying tribute to other trailblazers; we set to galvanize our community to be a part of conversations that stretch our understanding and ultimately inspire action.

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Lauren Anderson Ballet Master Class Series



LABMCS is an exceptional annual program for Intermediate/Advanced level dancers, ages 12-18 years old. This program is a 9-month artistic and educational series taught by ballet legend Lauren Anderson, the FIRST African-American prima ballerina of a major ballet company, Houston Ballet. Each fall we award FULL scholarships to committed dancers who have a desire to build upon their technical foundation. In this high-value program, dancers have the opportunity to train with the Ballet Master completely FREE of charge. Ms. Anderson instills not only dance technique, but she also develops confident youth while teaching them to believe in themselves and never give up.

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Summer Theatre Arts Repertory



Summer Theatre Arts Repertory (S.T.A.R.) is for youth ages 7-17 who desire to build on their love and passion for the performing arts. S.T.A.R. provides the performance and technical combination of theatre, music and dance while continuing education with daily reading and academic activities. S.T.A.R. culminates with a full-scale production, allowing all participants the opportunity to showcase what they have learned. S.T.A.R. consists of 2 four-week instructional periods. Each participant is engaged daily in classes that teach and strengthen the basics of theatre, dance, and vocals. S.T.A.R. strives to motivate participants toward the spirit of excellence.

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Edison Cultural Arts Center



The Edison Arts Foundation is set to develop the Fort Bend District Town Center, a mixed-use economic community revitalization development in Fort Bend Houston. The center will blend residential, retail, entertainment, educational, cultural and performing arts into one, thus creating a place to live, learn, work, and play. We partner to provide vitally needed programming in arts and culture, job creation, outdoor green space, youth development, affordable housing, quality healthcare, and public art commissions. The Edison Cultural Arts Center is a unique community hub that will transform Fort Bend Houston into an active and resilient community with the Arts at its core.

2023 Edison Arts Foundation Impact



Program/Event	# Clients Served	# of People Engaged
Lauren Anderson Ballet Master Class	59	
Afterschool Arts Academy	30	
Summer Theater Arts Repertory	35	
Stafford Afterschool Dance	10	
Stafford Summer Enrichment	825	
ANDance	10	
Dance Theatre of Harlem Masterclass	62	
Step Afrika Masterclass	35	
Black History Kick Off		80
Black History Jazz Night Out		40
Black History Ensemble Theatre		40
Black History Celebration Gala		200
Black History Celebration of Dance Showcase	45	155
Black History Freedom Walk/Celebration		250
Tutus & Tuxes Gala		250
Totals	1111	1015
Combined Total	2126	





Edison Center Project Progress Update

March 2024

The Edison Center



A New Chapter for Fort Bend Houston

The Edison Center community revitalization plan is a bold, high-impact opportunity to advance quality of life, well-being, and prosperity for residents of the greater Fort Bend/Houston communities. A component of The Edison Center Master Plan is the Edison Lofts which is an affordable housing apartment complex containing 126 units that sits adjacent to this site and has already been completed.

Project Timeline

Stage 1: Situational Awareness

Orientation, Stakeholder Integration, and Design Charettes

Stage 2: Pre-Construction Work

Momentum Building, Credibility, and Tactical Wins

Stage 3: Construction Work

Edison Arts groundbreaking and community celebration event was held on December 18, 2021.

We are here

The Edison Center will strategically convene tenants to accomplish goals across four focus areas in the Fort Bend Action Plan:

Fort Bend Action Plan Areas & EAC Goals



Economy & Jobs

✓ **Create new jobs and support small business:** Over 26,000 SF of space will offer entrepreneurial training, access to capital, and a mix of affordable retail, restaurant, office, and nonprofit space to establish a supportive entrepreneurial ecosystem for local minority business owners.



Education

✓ **Provide quality education:** The After School Arts Academy (The Academy) is for students ages 5 to 13 to build on their love, passion, or interest for dance and the arts. The Academy also provides academic enrichment and exposure to STEM curricula and career options.



Health

✓ **Provide access to healthcare:** A 5,300 SF community healthcare clinic will make primary care affordable and accessible to families at a time when it is critically needed.



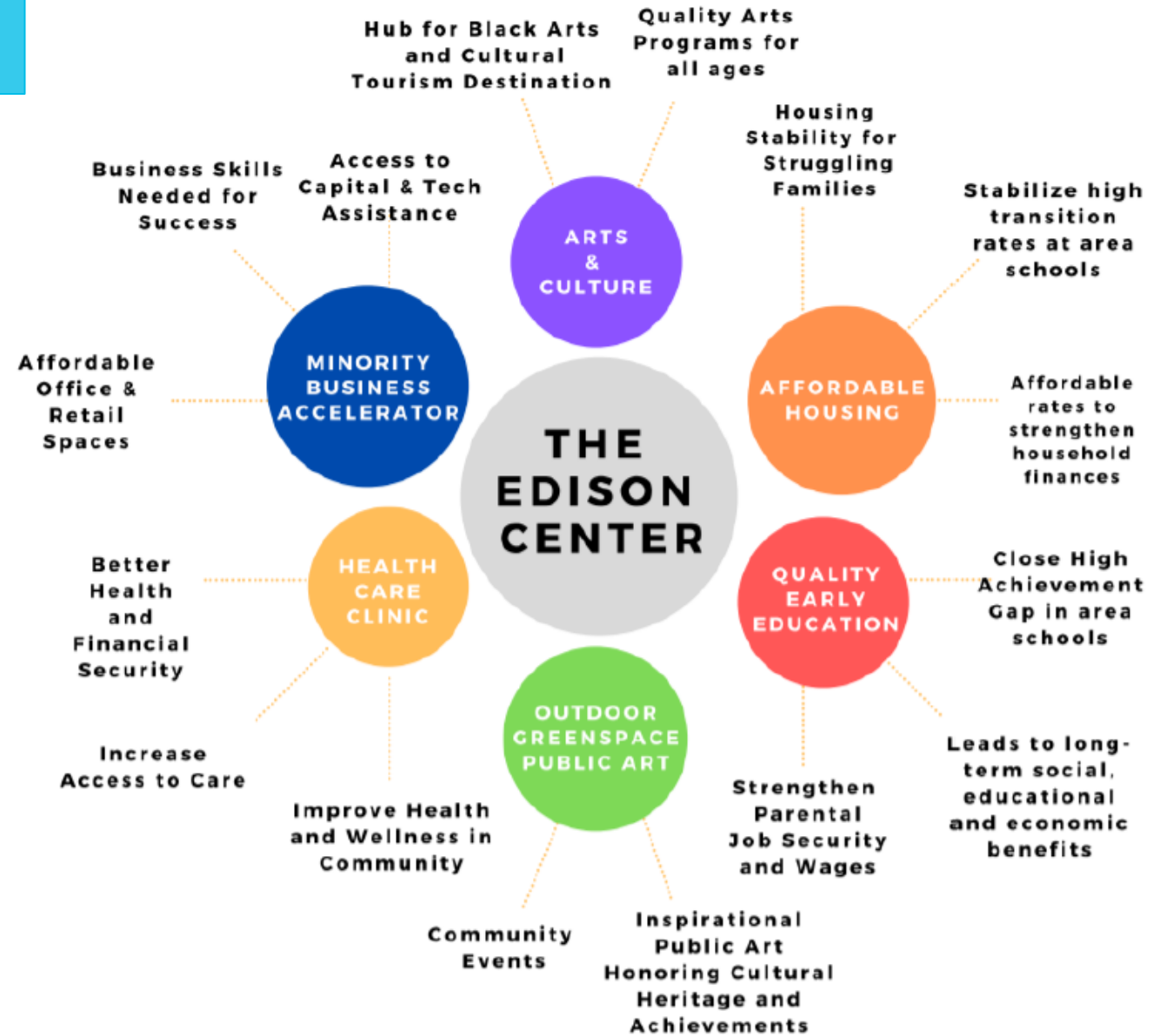
Neighborhood Character

✓ **Provide a creative outdoor green space:** Nearly 12,000 SF of outdoor park space and two exciting public artwork commissions honoring African American cultural heritage complete The Edison Center design.

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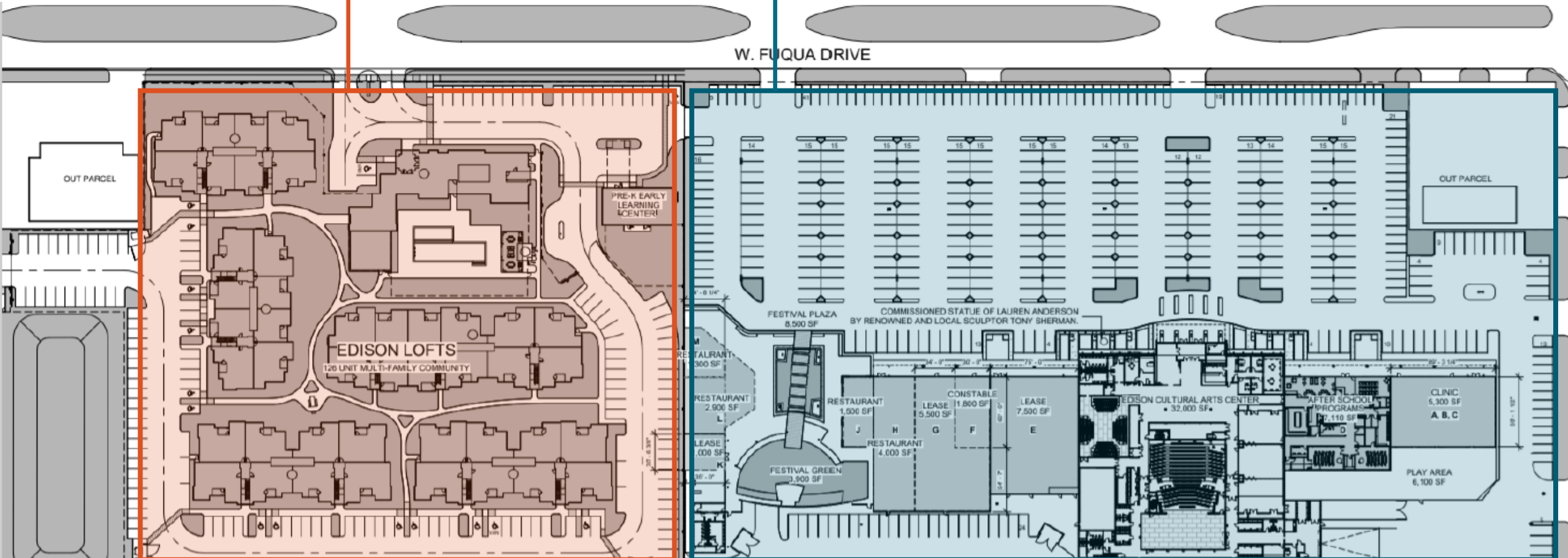
Community Investment Model



The Edison Center is a 12.5-acre campus and a \$56,771,056 investment.

Phase 1: Edison Lofts (Completed Fall 2021)*

Phase 2: The Edison Center (Groundbreaking Winter 2021)



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Construction Timeline

The Fort Bend Edison Arts Foundation

Project Schedule

	Start	End	Dur	%				
					2021	2022	2023	2024
Project Schedule	1/1/21	12/30/24	1460	72				
Architecture / Engineering	1/1/21	9/30/21	273	100				
GC Procurement	1/31/22	5/10/22	100	100				
Phase II-Stage 1 – Demolition and Site Work	10/1/21	11/24/23	785	99				
Permitting	10/1/21	12/15/21	76	100				
Construction	6/26/23	11/24/23	152	99				
Phase II-Stage 2 – Construction (other than Performing Arts Theatre)	10/1/21	8/29/24	1064	56				
Permitting	10/1/21	9/15/22	350	100				
Construction	11/28/23	8/29/24	276	0				
Phase II-Stage 3 – Construction (Performing Arts Theatre)	10/1/21	12/30/24	1187	59				
Permitting	10/1/21	9/15/22	350	100				
Construction	5/1/24	12/30/24	244	0				

Financial Investment



FBC ARPA Award
\$2,000,000

Invoice #1
632,464.88

Predevelopment-Fees: Architecture, Development, Technology, Wastewater; Site Work, Fundraising, Legal, Operating/Programming

Invoice #2
\$330,953.94

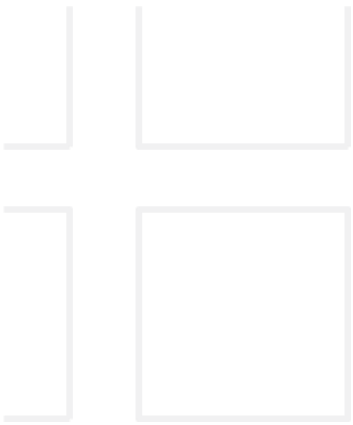
Fees: Design, Development, Permit; Fundraising, Transportation, Consulting Insurance, Operating/Programming

Invoice #3
\$1,036,581.18

Program equipment and supplies, computer lab equipment, transportation for afterschool pick-up







Community Arts Impact

Expanded Afterschool Arts Academy

- 7,000 additional young people reached annually
- 80+ students receiving career and technology education
- Launch of STEAM programming

Enhanced Lauren Anderson Ballet Masterclass

- Increase number of scholarship recipients from geographically diverse backgrounds by 25%
- Increase percentage of masterclass graduates accepted into prestigious dance programs, universities, or professional companies by 10%

Thriving Arts Ecosystem

- Increase in volunteerism, community events, and positive social indicators
- 59,400 guests to gain affordable access to the arts via the Edison Cultural Arts Center
- Festival Park to host community arts and culture events

Increase in Arts Related Partnerships

- Nonprofit collaborative to offer culturally enriching performances and programming
- New public art installations
- Increase in arts related outreach

Community Economic Impact

A local hub of economic activity can
serve as an external driver.

Secondary and Tertiary Economic Impact

The small business accelerator will
drive economic activity and lay a
foundation for continued
economic growth.

238 New Jobs Created

Business Growth and Acceleration

11 inaugural client companies
representing a variety of industries
offering access to capital, and a mix
of affordable retail, restaurant,
office, and nonprofit spaces.

**\$12,688,630 in private
investment**

Community Investment

Transform a blighted and empty
1980s era shopping center into a
12.5 acre cultural and economic
engine with multiple vitally needed
facilities and amenities.

**12.5 Acres Turned
into an Economic Hub**

Health Industry Acceleration

Onsite health facility will expand job
access to residents while also
offering training for existing and new
healthcare professionals.

**35 Health Professionals
Trained Onsite Annually**



The Edison Center-Renderings



Proposed Exterior View



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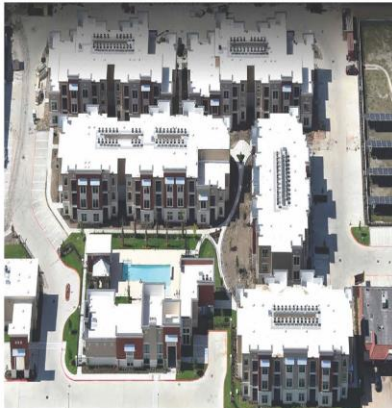
Proposed Exterior View

Community Celebrations

Grand Opening

EDISON LOFTS
APARTMENTS
& PRE-K EARLY LEARNING CENTER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021 | 11 AM
7215 WEST FUQUA DRIVE, HOUSTON, TX 77489



Presented By



INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

THE EDISON CENTER

Groundbreaking Ceremony & *Community Celebration*

Saturday, December 18, 2021

10:00am - 2:00pm

7100 West Fuqua Street
Missouri City, TX 77489

Featuring Musical Artist Dean James and DJ Ferbidden
Holiday Entertainment - Music - Food - Sno Cones - Santa - Games - Vaccinations
Bike, Book, and Toy Give-Away - and more

Festivities Sponsors



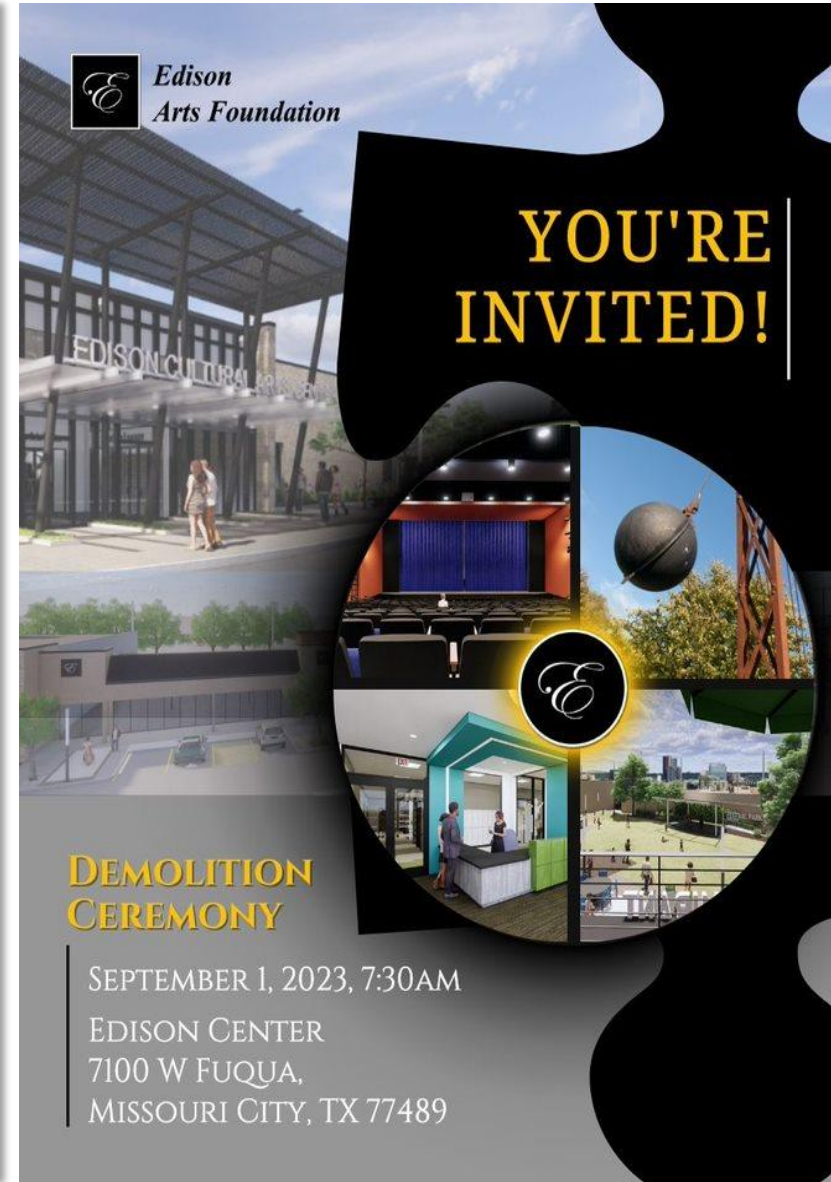
Free Admission
Advance
Registration
Requested

For giveaway registration and more information, visit
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SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, 7:30AM

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