



**RDC NEWCOMER CENTER
EXPANSION PROJECT**



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Ribbon Cutting - Grand Expansion



ABOUT: NEWCOMER CENTER EXPANSION

The expansion of the Refugee Development Center's Newcomer Center was made possible through the Michigan Community Center Grant—an investment in spaces that bring people together, strengthen communities, and expand access to essential resources.

This growth is also rooted in partnership. We are deeply grateful to our partner, Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, for believing in a shared vision of welcome and for helping make this space possible. Together, we have created a hub that brings nonprofit partners under one roof to provide coordinated, accessible services for newcomer families.

The expansion significantly increases our capacity to serve newcomers and includes six new multi-stall bathrooms, wudu stations, a dedicated prayer room, conference rooms, classrooms, storage, workshop and archive space, new flooring and lighting, and an RDC office suite. These enhancements create a more functional, accessible, and welcoming environment for all who enter.

From early childhood education and youth programming to English classes, health navigation, and community-building activities, the Newcomer Center is a space designed to foster belonging and opportunity.

More than a physical expansion, this is a collective investment in a stronger, more inclusive Michigan—one where newcomers can build roots, form connections, and thrive as part of our shared community.



New Wing Before





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New Wing After





New Wing UU Workshop





New Wing Thrive Closet Food Pantry





New Wing Large Conference Room





New Wing Conference Room





New Wing Classroom





New Wing Small Conference Room



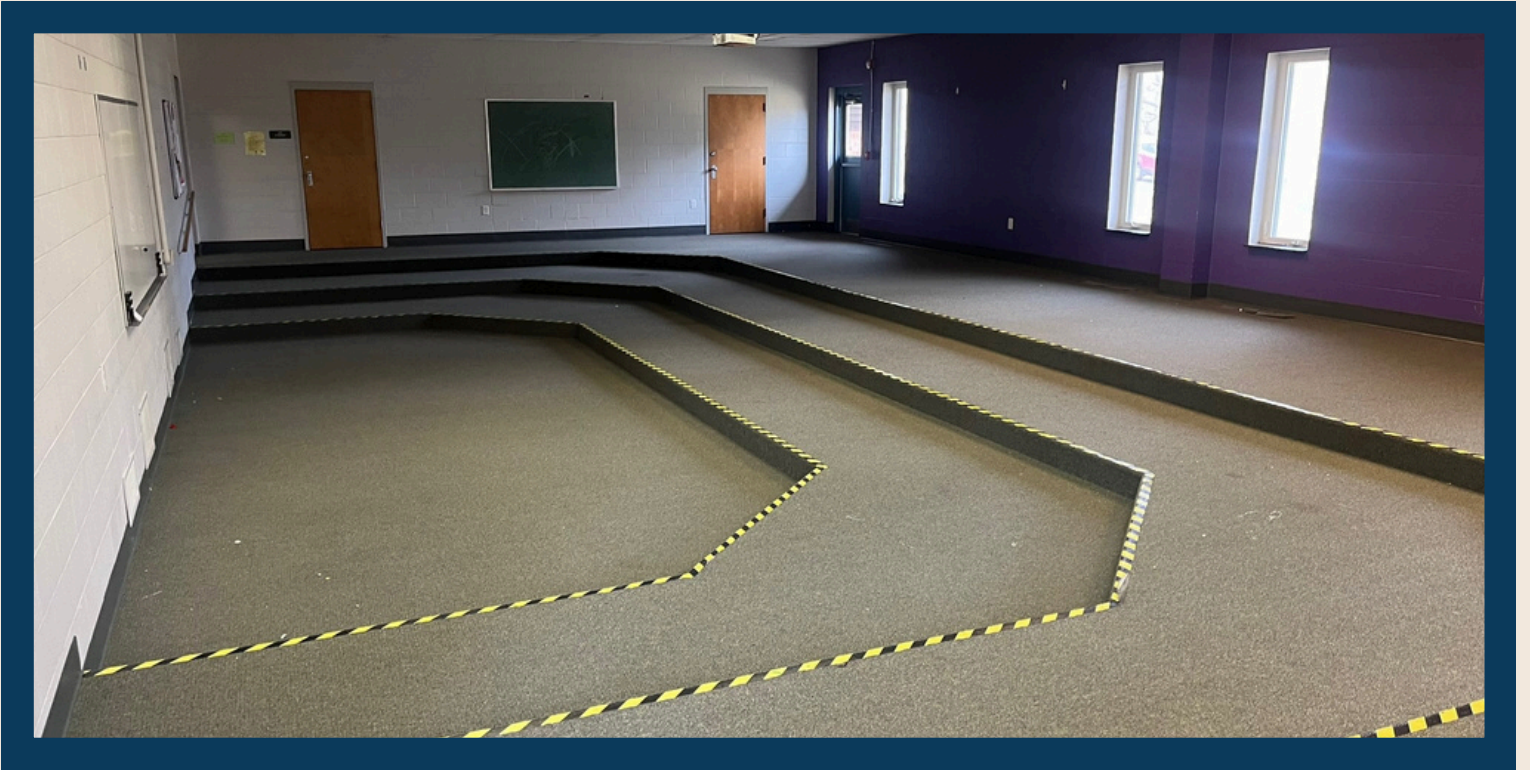


Teen Room Before





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Wudu Stations Before





Wudu Stations After





RDC Office Suite Before





RDC Office Suite After





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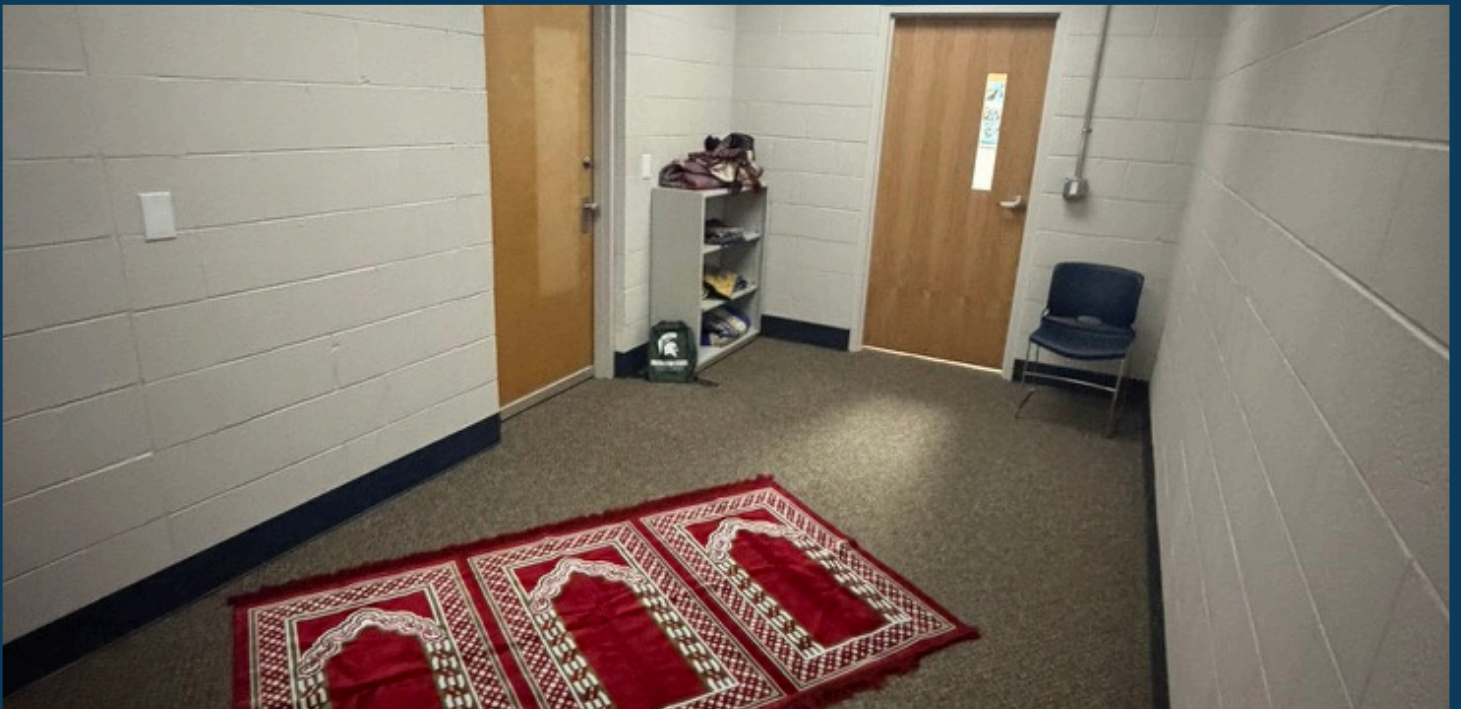


RDC Office Suite After





Prayer Room Before and After





SCK Pantry Before and After





New Wing Bathrooms Before and After





Classroom Wing Before and After





Dedication and Recognition





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