



A Village That Lifts Generations

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Senior Connection Purchases Land at 264 Stafford Street in Worcester for New Grandfamily Village

Senior Connection is proud to announce the purchase of land at **264 Stafford Street in Worcester**, marking a major milestone in the development of the **Grandfamily Village**—an innovative residential community designed to support grandparents and other relatives raising children. Construction is scheduled to begin in Summer/Fall 2027, powered by a **\$20 million capital campaign**.

“This **land purchase moves us one step closer** to transforming the way we support grandfamilies,” said **Dr. Moses S. Dixon**, President & CEO of Senior Connection.

“With \$3 million in Congressional funding, our goal is not only to provide housing, but to **build stability, strengthen families, and invest in Worcester’s future**”, says **Sen. Edward J. Markey** of Massachusetts. **Sen. Elizabeth Warren** of Massachusetts adds, “We fought hard to secure federal funding for this project and today’s announcement is a powerful step in giving seniors and children in Worcester the support they need to live independently.”

“The Grandfamily Village will be one of the **first communities of its kind in the nation**, providing safe, affordable, and supportive housing specifically designed for grandfamilies,” said **Rep. Jim McGovern**. “As thousands of grandparents and kinship caregivers are stepping up to raise children across the Commonwealth, the need for a stable, resource-rich environment has never been greater.”

“Together, with complementary abilities and proven track records, we are working with Senior Connection to provide truly **unique housing** in the area that serves segments of the senior population who are stepping in **during times of crisis** to raise grandchildren”, says **N. Paul TonThat**, Executive Director of Worcester Community Housing Resources.

Designed with both housing and opportunity in mind, the Grandfamily Village will offer on-site supports, including:

- A Grandfamily Resource Center
- Workforce development and financial literacy programs
- After-school and youth enrichment activities
- Access to health, wellness, and social services



The Grandfamily Village Capital Campaign *A Village That Lifts Generations*

launching publicly in 2026, will provide the remaining funding necessary to bring this groundbreaking community to life. Senior Connection invites philanthropic partners, businesses, foundations, and individual donors to join in supporting this transformative initiative.

Additional project details and campaign announcements will be shared in the coming months.

About Senior Connection

Senior Connection is Central Massachusetts’ leading organization supporting older adults, caregivers, and grandfamilies through innovative programs, resource navigation, health services, and community partnerships. Since 1974, Senior Connection has been committed to helping people live with dignity, purpose, and independence.

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