

Spring 2016

Dear Trusted Friend,

The countdown has begun! By fall 2016, Manna will be in its new home in **North Penn Commons**. Being built adjacent to and linked by a common lobby to the Lansdale Y, **North Penn Commons** will be home to not only Manna but also the Y, The PEAK Senior Center and 60 units of Advanced Living affordable senior apartments.

Still on Main Street, Manna will continue to offer its four core programs – Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, Emergency Financial Aid, and Education Program – to help our most vulnerable neighbors. But, we will do so in an innovative space that will offer far more than what we are able to offer at our current location at 713 W. Main Street.

The four founding organizations of **North Penn Commons** are planning a new community service model that provides multiple services on one site and collaborative programming for North Penn residents of all ages with diverse needs and interests. For instance, Manna families will participate in recreation opportunities at the Y; residents of Advanced Living apartment homes needing assistance with food will be able to shop in Manna's food pantry; seniors eating in Manna's soup kitchen will have access to senior specific programming at the PEAK Center; and all will have use of a lobby with free Wi-Fi, comfortable seating areas and a café operated by Manna.

While Manna is on the move, we will continue to be animated by the same spirit that in 1981 led a group of volunteers, guided by Rev. John Touchberry, to start a simple soup kitchen in the basement of St. John's United Church of Christ. Over the years this spirit of caring has been kept alive by thousands of generous community donors and engaged volunteers like you. We trust that in our new home we can continue to rely on your support to provide the resources our dedicated staff needs to deliver our proven programs and take full advantage of new possibilities to serve the neediest amongst us.

As the countdown continues, we invite you to take part by visiting www.northpenncommons.org, following Manna on social media using the hashtags #MannaontheMove and #StillonMainStreet, and by taking a muddy shoe tour as we get closer to the finished construction. We welcome your thoughts and ideas and know that there will be many questions. Please read the back of this letter for Q&A and feel free to contact me at execdir@mannaonmain.org or 215-855-5454.



With deep gratitude for your generosity,



Suzan Neiger Gould
Executive Director

Manna on the Move to North Penn Commons

Q&A

What is the North Penn Commons (NPC)?

It is the future home to 4 highly respected non-profit agencies – Manna on Main Street, the North Penn YMCA, The PEAK Center and Advanced Living Communities. This vibrant public center is a symbol of a new vision for our community that will offer all an opportunity to thrive. NPC will offer shared resources and easy access to programs, services and facilities on one shared campus.

Where are you moving to?

We are really excited to be moving to our new home (still on Main Street) at the site of the Lansdale Area Family YMCA, on East Main Street, just 1.3 miles from our current location at 713 West Main Street in Lansdale and 5 minutes from the Lansdale train station.

When are you moving?

We expect construction to be completed by the end of July and we hope to be fully moved in by early September. Manna will keep you updated on our move-in date. In the meantime, check out the [live construction cam](#) at <https://www.workzonecam.com/projects/mcdonald/northpenn/workzonecam>

Why are you moving?

We are eager to share with our clients that North Penn Commons is a one-of-a-kind service model that offers a unique opportunity for Manna clients. They will have greater access to resources on a shared campus. In addition to the nutritious, delicious meals prepared by our awesome chef, Manna clients will have access to health and wellness programs, and multi-generational social interactions enabling common bonds to be formed through quality, community programs, critical services and fun! This vibrant, public center benefits every generation and will be a welcoming place for all. How awesome is that!

How will it affect clients?

At NPC, Manna clients will enjoy improved access to greater community resources with 3 other highly respected non-profit agencies - the North Penn YMCA, The PEAK Center and Advanced Living Communities. Manna clients will have access to improved pantry and soup kitchen programs serving a diverse population living with financial and health challenges. Individuals will have greater classroom options with state-of-the-art technology for Manna's education program and wider access to community resources, all conveniently located under one roof! For example, a Manna senior can participate in recreational activities sponsored by The Peak Center, and everyone, including clients will enjoy participating in events held in the community lobby equipped with WIFI.

How will it affect volunteers?

Volunteers can choose where to serve from among four highly respected non-profit organizations located on one community campus. North Penn Commons volunteers will have the opportunity to impact individuals across generational lines to promote healthier lives in a healthy community.

How will it affect donors?

Donors can continue to give directly to Manna, and in addition to their Manna gift, make a special *One-Four-All* donation for North Penn Commons (NPC). NPC is a symbol of a new vision for our community and our donors are important partners in this one-of-a-kind service model. Our donors have an opportunity to be part of this pioneering effort and join the community of supporters who have already contributed to this project.

- [Give to Manna](#): During this transition time, we trust that our donors will continue to support Manna. We are so very grateful for the generosity of our supporters. We sincerely couldn't do it without you!
- [Give to One Four All Campaign for North Penn Commons](#): Your gift to NPC can help build one facility that benefits four worthy nonprofits and thousands of vulnerable, community residents. To learn more about donating to the *One Four All* Campaign for North Penn Commons, please visit <http://www.northpenncommons.org/one-four-all-campaign/donate/>.

(Go to www.mannaonmain.org for updated information on Manna on the Move! (#MannaontheMove, #StillonMainStreet))