

## the plan for casa myrna's headquarters

In July 2019, Casa Myrna purchased two buildings in the Dorchester neighborhood of Grove Hall. These buildings will serve as our permanent headquarters in the years to come. Many, many thanks to Cambridge Trust and MassDevelopment for making it a reality!



**435-451 Blue Hill Avenue**, the Rubina Ann Guscott Building, is a 16,588 square foot four-story brick building built in 1910. Thanks to developers and forces for equality and racial justice Kenneth and Cecil Guscott, our beautiful building was completely renovated in 2009, including the development of a new elevator/stair tower.

In July, most of Casa Myrna's direct services staff moved into the 4th floor of the building. The state Department of Children and Families (DCF) has a lease for the 2nd and 3rd floors through May 2020. Casa Myrna will occupy the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors of Blue Hill Avenue fully after DCF departs. Until then, Casa Myrna's administrative staff will occupy space offsite. It is our intention to continue leasing the two commercial spaces on the ground floor of the building long-term.

**632-636 Warren Street**, adjacent to 451 Blue Hill Avenue, is a one-story 8,380 square foot brick/block building built in 1920. The building is currently home to three retail tenants. Casa Myrna will continue operating the Warren Street building as-is, leasing to tenants in the near future. Ultimately, we plan to develop the property, allowing Casa Myrna to expand community based supports to survivors, expand our employment and economic stability program to adults and teens, expand our food pantry and survivor resource center, open a teen "boutique" or café, create space for community meetings and gatherings, and create office space for mission-based activists and organizations.

**Our Vision:** We believe every relationship should be safe and healthy. We envision our headquarters to be a place to engage our community beyond the issue of domestic violence. We want to create safe and inviting space for: community activities (e.g., dance classes, celebrations, theater, gardening); workshops (e.g., health classes, community lawyering, parenting, cooking); employment and training; community activists and organizers to meet and work; youth to gather to learn about healthy relationships; and our neighbors to stop in for information, supports, and resources.

We partner with our community to **take domestic violence out of the shadows and into the light**—so our community rejects violence and abuse and nurtures survivors and healthy relationships.

**Learn More and Get Involved!** If you would like to be a part of making our vision a reality, contact Stephanie Brown, CEO, at [sbrown@casamyrna.org](mailto:sbrown@casamyrna.org) or **(617) 521-0125**.