



# One Hope United

# Elgin Child and Family Resource Center

210 National Street  
Elgin, Illinois

**Total Project Cost**  
\$3.6 million

**Development Team**  
IFF  
*Project Manager and Lender*

One Hope United  
*Owner and Child Care Provider*

Dahlquist and Lutzow  
Architects, Ltd.  
Heidrun Hoppe Associates  
*Architects*

Cotter Consulting  
*Construction Manager*

Shales McNutt General  
Contractors  
*General Contractor*

**Date Completed**  
December 2004

**Description of Project**

The Elgin Child and Family Resource Center is a symbol of growth for the City of Elgin and represents the multi-faceted and comprehensive services of IFF.

In 1997, the Grand Victoria Foundation (GVF) commissioned IFF to assess the need for affordable, full-day, full-year child care in response to community concerns regarding the issue. This study determined that Elgin’s child care system was not expanding sufficiently to absorb the approximate 2,000 children born in Elgin each year.

To address this need, IFF, with the support of GVF and the City of Elgin, engaged all sectors of the community over a four-year period to plan and develop a new, two story, 21,400 square foot child and family resource center. IFF selected a local architect and general contractor to foster

local participation throughout the entire project. The center has created more than 40 new, full-time jobs for Elgin.

The architects worked to create a modern, environmentally friendly building that reflects the vitality of a child care center while respecting the historical character of the neighborhood and the guidelines of the Elgin National Watch Historic District. In addition to the economic and aesthetic contributions to the City of Elgin, the financial support of the Grand Victoria Foundation, City of Elgin, and Kane County, along with a \$1.4 million loan from IFF, the new Elgin Child and Family Resource Center represents a \$3.6 million investment in the community.

One Hope United provides quality, affordable, full-day and full-year care to approximately 184 children, from birth to school age at the center.