



Paulo Freire Family Center

1653 West 43rd Street
Chicago, Illinois

Total Project Cost:
\$3.86 Million

Development Team:
Illinois Facilities Fund
Developer/Project Manager and Lender

The Resurrection Project
Owner

Holy Cross IHM Parish
Community Partner

Chicago Commons Association
Child Care Provider

Schroeder Murchie Laya
Architect

Heidrun Hoppe
Architect

Mota Construction
General Contractor

Jones Lang LaSalle
Construction Manager

Date Completed:
November 2001

Description of Project:
To meet the acute need for child care in the Back-of-the-Yards community, the IFF, in partnership with The Resurrection Project, Holy Cross IHM Parish and Chicago Commons Association, initiated an effort to build a new family resource center in the Back-of-the-Yards/New City community, a community that was previously served by only one small child care center. The project was funded by the City of Chicago Empowerment Zone,

the Northern Trust Bank, the IFF, and Chicago Department of Human Services. The two-story, 22,000 square foot child and family resource center serves 194 children, from birth through 12 years and created 53 new jobs in the community. The facility, which was modeled after the IFF-developed Nia Family Center in Humboldt Park, has 12 classrooms, a large motor skills room, a kitchen, and ample playground and parking. What was once an unsightly abandoned lot is now a thriving, beautifully landscaped center of community activity.