Elevate campaign phases timeline and building descriptions

Phase 1: Administration Building and Cottage 1

Scheduled for completion October 2024

Cottage Prototype: The first of five home-like Cottages is designed to foster feelings of safety and community. Approximately 9,000 square feet, each Cottage will house up to 16 youth and include a multipurpose/communal space, laundry, therapist and staff offices, and a covered deck. Warm and inviting, the cottages will feel bright and airy, with large, hurricane-grade glass windows and outdoor space to take advantage of the campus' natural beauty representing a marked contrast to the existing 52-bed Courtyards within the 40-year-old Hewell Building.

Administration Building: The new 17,300-square-foot Administration Building is at the entrance to the campus, along with ample visitor parking, eliminating much of the vehicular traffic that now travels through campus and improving pedestrian safety. The building will house staff offices, a breakroom area, meeting rooms, and staff training facilities all in one location, fostering staff collaboration and camaraderie. Mindful of the power of first impressions, the Administration Building will feel friendly and welcoming to families and youth coming for admission.

Phase 2: Cottages 2-5, Education Building

Scheduled for completion early 2027

Cottages 2-5: The construction of four more Cottages will complete Phase Two of the campus redesign. With the addition of the cottages constructed through the Elevate campaign, the campus will increase its census by 28, from 128 to 156 beds, allowing Youth Villages Georgia to serve between 50-60 more youth in need of residential care each year. The Certificate of Need for facility renovation and expansion has already been approved by the Georgia Department of Community Health.

Education Building: A dedicated, 19,000-square-foot Education Building overlooking the lake will revolutionize teaching and learning at the Inner Harbour Campus. Investments in the campus's educational facilities represent the greatest opportunities to enhance current services and bolster outcomes when the estimated 330+ youth served annually in the new building return to traditional education settings post-discharge. In addition to 13 classrooms, the Education Building will include a dedicated STEM lab, a sensory room, and a neuropsychiatric therapy room.

Phase 3: Wellness Center and Lodge Renovations

Scheduled for completion winter 2027

Wellness Center: In the space occupied by the Hewell Building, Youth Villages Georgia will construct an 19,500-square-foot Recreation & Wellness Center. The Recreation & Wellness Center will benefit every youth who sets foot on campus and will feature a gymnasium with a basketball court, a yoga center, a drumming room, a swimming pool, a nursing station, and space and equipment for onsite optometrist visits. Staff will also have access to a private fitness area—a perk and a tool for stress reduction—which the organization hopes will help with staff recruitment and

retention. In line with the design of other structures on campus, the Recreation & Wellness Center will look and feel bright and airy, with a modern yet rustic design aesthetic.

The Lodge: The campus cafeteria, called the Lodge, will also be renovated during this phase. Upgrades to the 9,200 sq. ft. Lodge, which sits on the shores of the lake, will help deinstitutionalize the space with the goal of fostering a sense of family and community during meal times.