Momentum Center moving to new location

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GRAND HAVEN — The Momentum Center will soon have a new home in Grand Haven.

The organization announced this week that it will be moving from its current location at 714 Columbus Ave. to the former Rendezvous restaurant building at 401 N. Seventh St.

A new location will allow the Momentum Center to expand its capacity for providing support in the areas of mental health, mental illness, disabilities, addiction and more.

The larger space will allow the organization to double its membership, from 200 to 400. It will also allow for increased participation in community events, activities and conversations.

“It is thrilling to know services impacting the mental health and well-being of individuals will continue to grow with this improved location through the support and continued partnerships in the community,” stated Momentum Center’s Experi-Mentor, Barbara Lee VanHorssen. “Having a safe space available for everyone to gather, heal, and grow will impact the entire community.”

VanHorssen also mentioned the move while giving public comment at Tuesday’s Ottawa County board meeting.

“We’re very excited about this move because it will increase our visibility, our accessibility and our ability to serve our members well,” she said. “The new space is fully ADA compliant and it will allow us to offer multiple programs and activities at the same time.”

VanHorssen added that the Momentum Center will move in after conducting “minor renovations” and hopes to be in place by the end of June.

The new location will also house a public café called The Vous. It will be managed by staff from the US Café in Muskegon Heights. The Vous will offer “home style comfort food alongside Cajun specialities.”

Having the US Café manage the space provides “increased job training and volunteer opportunities for Momentum Center members,” the center said.

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An agreement with the building’s owner will allow the Momentum Center to move in, but the organization is launching a capital campaign called “Building Momentum” to fund the purchase of the building and to provide “a long-term investment in the community’s health and well-being.”

The Momentum Center, which operates locations in Grand Haven and Holland, originated as an organization named Extended Grace in 2015 to connect people to opportunities and address service gaps.

In 2017, the Momentum Center for Social Engagement opened to provide social and recreational opportunities for teens and adults in a stigma-free environment, educational events for the community, and resources for all.

For more information, visit momentumcentergh.org.

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