

BUILDING
COMMUNITY
AS WE BUILD...

SHECHEM

At Hope Street

JANUARY 2021

CLOSING 2020 AND WHAT'S TO COME IN 2021

In 2020 we really revved up
excitement for Shechem at Hope Street



We gained the necessary
permits to build Shechem

We completed
architectural renderings

We gained an
overwhelming amount of
new supporters for
Shechem through our Hike
for Hope and Bruised But
Not Broken events

We broke ground in
November, promising to
our community that
Shechem is coming

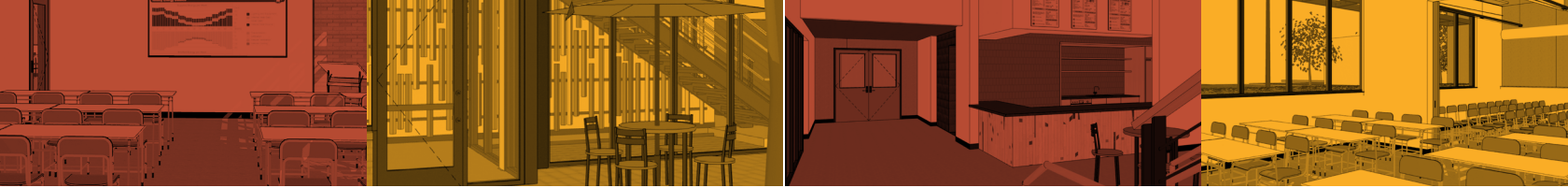
We were able to see through Shechem's growth this year because of our community. Now, we get to continue to build upon that foundation. This year we are focusing on continuing to build partnerships and spreading awareness about what we are doing on 26th and Capitol. We are working on building Shechem and ensuring that when it is up and running it is deeply rooted in our values of building community, cultivating hope, and protecting from the outside elements.

EVENTS

So many of us have gotten the chance to experience the peace Hope Street brings and we are excited that Shechem will welcome even more people into this. In 2021 all of our events will support Shechem, raising awareness for the work we are doing on 26th and Capitol. Throughout this year, make it to our events and invite your friends and family. Many of our events will have both in person and virtual options to meet you at your comfort level. Each event will dive into a piece of Shechem so you get a chance to learn more about both our physical spaces and why this expansion is so important.



Coming up is our **Women's Luncheon on Thursday, February 25th at the Brookfield Convention Center**. Here you will get to hear about how Shechem will be a place "Where Kids Can Be Kids." You can join us in person or virtually. More information can be found on our website under the "events" tab.



MARATHON

Recently, a friend of Hope Street was training to run a marathon. In his weeks of training he ran enough miles to run 14 marathons. He had to put in work and sacrifice in order to get the joy and peace of running the full marathon on race day.

Shechem was a vision that began over 5 years ago. Since, we've done outreach to survey community needs and desires and conducted a feasibility study to measure support. We have purchased the lot next door to Hope Street and raised the money we needed to demolish the old, condemned building that stood in its place. In the meantime, we have planted a refuge garden in its space which helped bring support and attention to Shechem. We completed our architectural renderings and gained the approval from Milwaukee Board of Zoning for a conditional use permit. In November of 2020, we broke ground on Shechem. We have sacrificed and done our due diligence to be ready for what's to come. We've run 14 marathons, now it is time we run the marathon as we work towards raising the rest of our goal to build up Shechem's walls.

On May 16th, a handful of Hope Street members, staff and supporters will be running a marathon. Our course will start at Hope Street and traverse both geography (the course will go down Capitol drive from Hope Street into Lake Country) as well as cultural, social/economic, and ethnic roads. We invite you to follow along in our journey, regardless of where or

what "road" you are on. During each of the 12 training weeks leading up to the marathon we will share a story from our diverse community. Each narrative reveals how initial donations made turned into investments that had surprising returns, eventually leading to the "birth" of a new member into our Hope Street family and the healing, joy and growth that comes from that sacrifice.

Read the stories. As you follow along, take the time to consider our invitation to join us. Donate a part of you, and share with us what returns that investment makes. Welcome home to your Hope Street Family.

A STORY

Those who know Hope Street might know the name Kris Bose, most often said just like that. Kris Bose. He's a 2 name guy, unless he's affectionately being referred to as B-More or Boiise (stretched out like the city in Idaho). A lot of people love Hope Street, but Kris Bose's love for it is big, sincere and runs deep. I think this is because Kris Bose knows what it means to be in this community and what it means to lose it. He lived at Hope Street 2 or 3 years back and when he left he didn't enter the neighborhood positively. He had yet to have an internal heart change and he turned back to old habits of drug and alcohol abuse and was caught in cycles of negativity. When Kris Bose returned to Hope Street this year he told us this time would be different. That his heart was prepared

for growth. We have seen this play out as he comes down to speak to staff each day, attends our classes and has been a key factor in welcoming in new members and looking out for this community. Kris Bose knows he eventually wants to move out of Hope Street and find a place of his own. Right now, he knows he has to wait until he feels fully prepared, until he is ready to guard himself from entering back into toxic behaviors.

Shechem at Hope Street will be a stepping stone for members like Kris Bose. In 2020 we had 24 adults and 14 kids transplant out of Hope Street, back into the community. Some of these transplants were positive, some were mixed, some were negative, but each of those individuals took the risk of leaving this safe environment to be back in the greater community. We cannot wait to give those individuals a place to plug back in. Shechem will be a safe place where our members can return to and remain a part of our Hope Street community. It will expand our reach, allowing our men, women and children to return but also for new people to join in. We can't wait to see people involved now, like Kris Bose, welcome more people from our neighborhood and the greater Milwaukee community into our nurturing and grace-filled community. Kris Bose will tell you all sorts of things about how he loves Hope Street, that Hope Street is enlightenment, improvement and essential. Shechem will give more people (people like you and I) an opportunity to experience something new and transformative.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS ADVENTURE THIS YEAR

1 > Follow us on social media

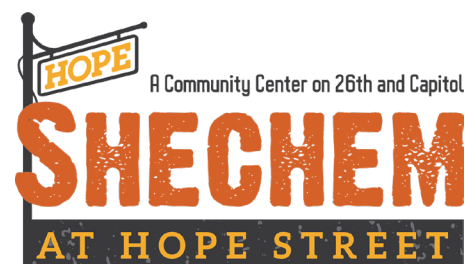
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2 > Show up (come to our events)

3 > Take the time (read our emails, prayers and stories, and share the message)

4 > Pray! (we value this so much)

5 > Give when you can (and encourage others to)



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SIMPLY WALK ALONGSIDE US AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD SHECHEM AT HOPE STREET