



SAVE THE FAMILY – CONFERENCE CENTER Design Narrative

**Save the Family-Conference Center Construction Project
City of Mesa Community Development Block Grant Proposal
FY-2014/15**

Agency Name: Save the Family Foundation of AZ

CDBG National Objective: Benefiting low-and moderate income persons

Eligible Activity: Public Facilities owned by a nonprofit and open to general public

Specific Activity:

Save the Family intends to construct a one story, approximately 2400 square foot Conference Center, located at 125 E. University Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201. This conference center will be located east of Save the Family's Administrative headquarters and west of the Mesa United Way building. Currently neither non-profit has adequate facility space to accommodate large meetings, including board meetings, trainings for beneficiaries and staff. This facility will be built with the adaptive ability to serve as one large conference center, or be able to be divided into two separate smaller training rooms. In addition, this space will be equipped with a kitchen.

Activity Type:

This project will benefit not only Save the Family, a Mesa non-profit, 501 (c)(3), that provides transitional housing to homeless families with children, but will also benefit the staffs of the City of Mesa, Mesa United Way, Hope Village, Helen's Hope Chest and many other smaller non-profits. This conference space will be available to any qualified 501 (c) (3) non-profit within the East Valley that is in need of larger meeting facility space.

Architectural Features:

The project consists on a large Meeting Room that subdivides into two smaller Meeting Rooms by means of an acoustical rated operable folding wall. In addition, there are two smaller Conference Rooms for break-out sessions and smaller meetings. The large meeting rooms has large windows to the north and south to provide natural illumination. The large window to the north can completely open to allow meetings and pre-function to flow out and take advantage of the large landscaped plaza that was recently built as part of the Save the Family headquarters (STF-HQ) building.

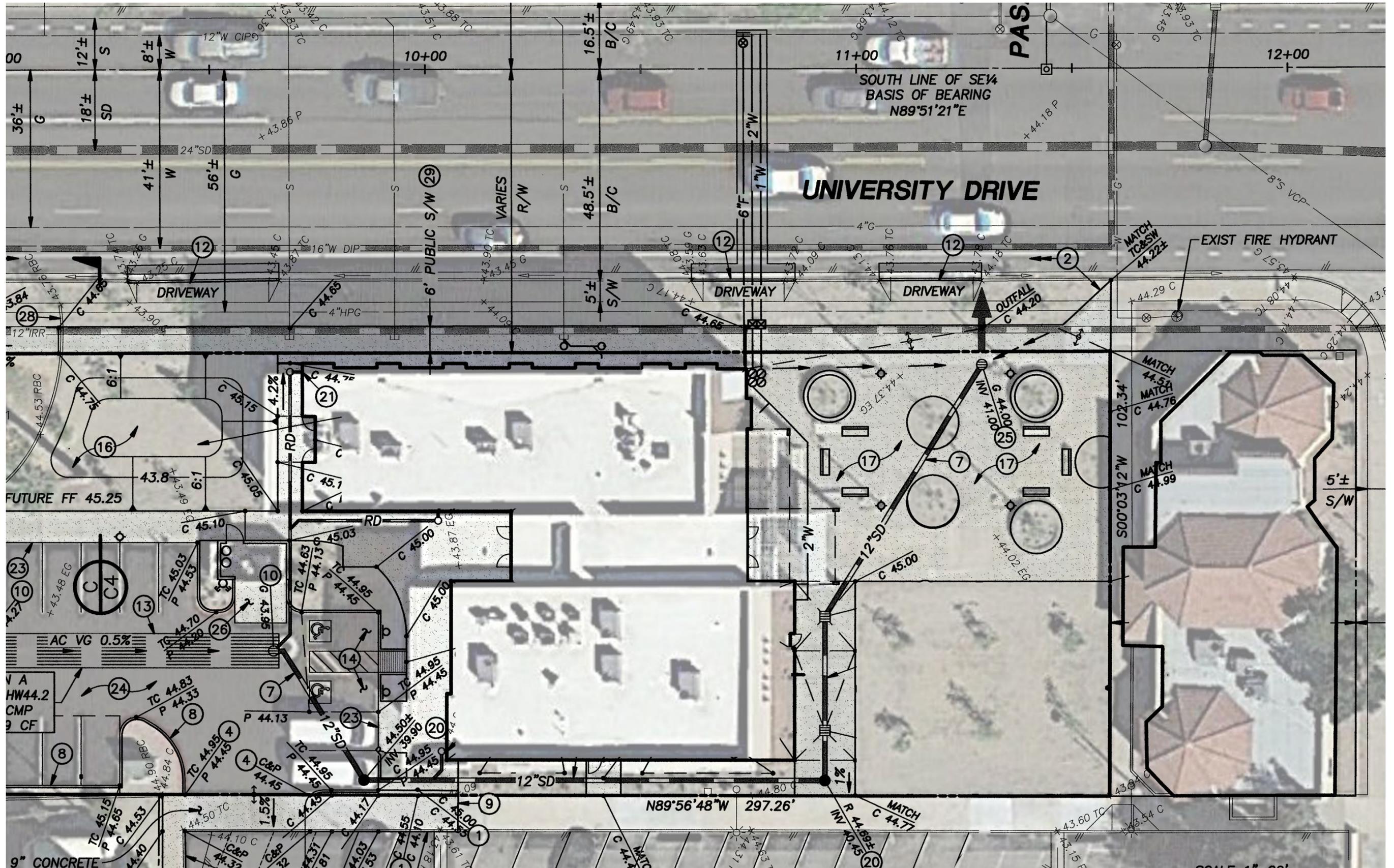
The facility is furnished with a small catering/warm-up kitchen and restrooms. The building is designed so that the HVAC equipment is completely hidden from view, particularly from the second story of the adjacent buildings. The HVAC units are above the kitchen/ storage area and the small conference room to minimize acoustical vibration over the main Meeting Rooms. The exterior material and color scheme was developed to be in harmony with the existing context utilizing a steel "Eyebrow" with color and proportions that compliments the lines on the existing STF-HQ.



The building is relatively small in comparison to the adjacent existing building. Brick, stucco, and porcelain cladding are the primary exterior material and are utilized to give scale and definition to the building, to give it a timeless appearance and to add to its stature as a separate building.

The corners of the building on the east side were deeply recessed due to the close proximity of the existing United Way building to the property line. The resulting spaces are used as access to the catering kitchen for events that expand outside into the plaza on the northeast corner and a landscape opportunity on the southeast one.

The plan has been revised to eliminate the hiding spot near the south entry door to the lobby by reconfiguring the toilet rooms and to utilize a standing seam metal roof above the roof extension over the entry doors that provides weather protection, as recommended during our preliminary meeting with John Wesley and Wahid Alam.





North Elevation



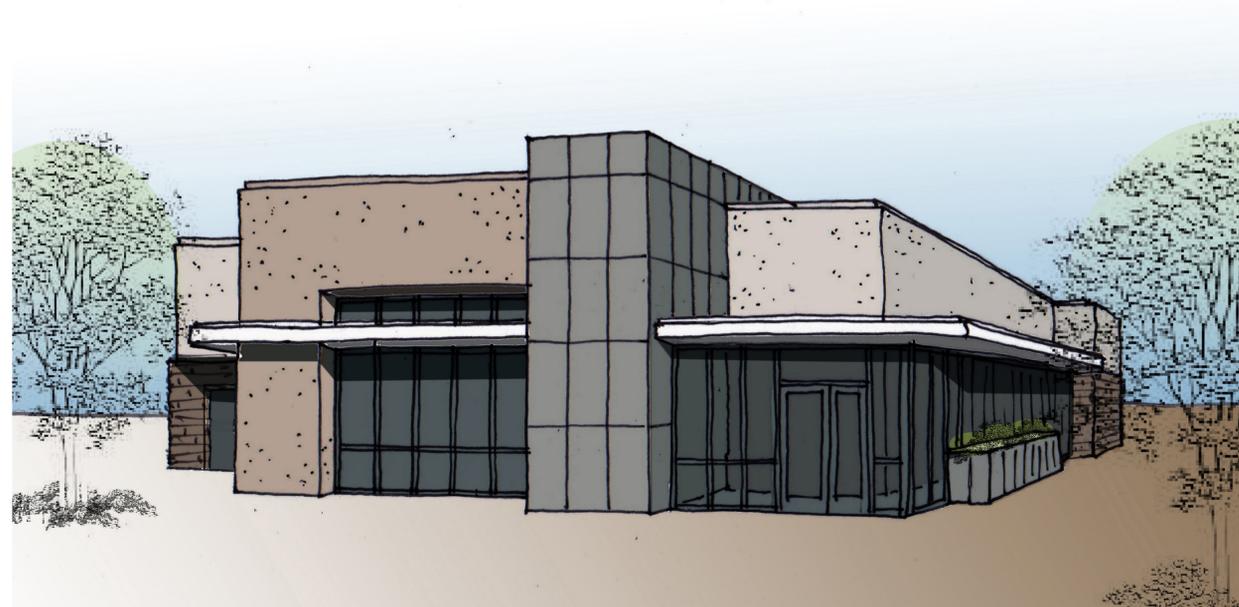
East Elevation



South Elevation



West Elevation



Existing United Way

Conference Center

Existing Save the Family Headquarters

Streetscape on University Drive

PRELIMINARY
NOT FOR
CONSTRUCTION

Save the Family - Conference Center

University Drive
Mesa, Arizona



© COPYRIGHT 2011
TREEHOUSE DESIGN GROUP, LLC
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS OF A PROPRIETARY NATURE AND IS SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE FOR USE BY THE CLIENT OR TREEHOUSE DESIGN GROUP, LLC ONLY. THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE CLIENT AND IS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PROJECT, PURPOSE, LOCATION, PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION, PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, OR DISSEMINATION IN WHOLE OR PART BY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION, WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT OF TREEHOUSE DESIGN GROUP.

RECEIPT OR POSSESSION OF THIS INFORMATION CONFERS NO RIGHT OR LICENSE TO USE OR DISCLOSE TO OTHERS THE SUBJECT MATTER CONTAINED HEREIN FOR ANY USES BUT AUTHORIZED PURPOSES.

TREEHOUSE DESIGN GROUP, LLC
1710 E WAVEBURY STREET
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85719

CONSULTANTS



PROJECT NO. P15-006
DATE 07/23/2015
DRAWN BY MA
CHECKED BY CE

SHEET CONTENTS

SHEET

A5.0