



***Let the Light In on Children's Mental Health
Capital Improvements Campaign
CASE STATEMENT***

Our Goals

- Replace 120 windows at the Guidance Center's headquarters
- Improve Energy Efficiency
- Decrease Overhead by Reducing Utility Costs
- Maintain the Historical Integrity of the Building
- Provide a Welcoming, Stigma-Free Environment for our clients



A Place of Hope and Healing

The physical structures that contribute to a sense of order, stability and consistency in a child's life are critical to the provision of quality mental health care. It is important to provide a soothing environment where families can feel at home once they have made the difficult decision to reach out for help. A mental health facility should be warm and comforting – “a house that smiles” – with inviting spaces, impactful programs, protective adults, ample flexibility, emergency help when needed, and an overall cultivation of safety and security.

The Guidance Center headquarters, where we offer direct mental health care, is located at 480 Old Westbury Road, Roslyn Heights. We moved into our beautiful 112-year-old historic home 33 years ago. Today, it requires renovation to ensure the most welcoming physical environment for the thousands of families that use our services each year.

Window Replacement

Let the Light In - Window Replacement Project entails replacing 120 windows in the Guidance Center's headquarters. Although referred to as a “window replacement,” the work would also include renovations on other essential elements on the exterior of the building.

Our goal is to “seal the envelope,” including all necessary trim work, pointing at least one of the chimneys that is degrading, replacement of the front shutters and work on the soffits. The flashing on the dormers will also need work. The window work would include replacement with custom windows as opposed to stock windows. This would improve our energy efficiency and help reduce our operating overhead carrying costs.

Fusion Architecture is leading this renovation. Bids went out in November/December 2017 with a spring 2018 start. It is anticipated to last 16 weeks. Labor, materials, architectural/engineering costs, bonds, permits, fees, possible abatement costs and a 10% contingency amount (customary for renovations) is estimated at **\$1.2 million**, taking into consideration unforeseen issues that will need to be addressed.

This work is a long time coming and was initially recommended some 15 years ago as part of a reserve study. The consequences of not doing the work now would be higher costs for a piecemeal approach as the building envelope further deteriorates with age. Fifty-three staff members occupy this building where we house direct mental health services as well as administrative functions. We hope you will support this vital capital improvements campaign.