



## January 2022 Board Announcement

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In 1981 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, known as Future Homemakers of America at the time, made a great investment in the foundation of the organization's growth by purchasing property in Reston, Virginia and building a headquarters facility for the staff operations. Many members, alumni, and partners worked together to raise funds to support this effort. That investment of time and funds provided a home for the national staff, a meeting place for the Board of Directors and the National Executive Council, as well as a financial growth opportunity for the organization. The commitment, investment, and dedication that it took to build FCCLA National Headquarters located at 1910 Association Drive in Reston, Virginia was and still is an inspiration and illustration of the powerful, unified efforts of the organization's leaders and members. As the Board has been sharing over the past few years, the time has come in the history of the organization to relook at the National Headquarters' office needs and the stewardship in owning a building.

For those who have not had the opportunity to visit National Headquarters, the building is three stories with a fourth floor for operations and storage; in total over 30,000 square feet. Although the space met the needs of the organization in the 1980's, the organization no longer requires a building this size and is burdened with the upkeep of the large facility. Additionally, the Reston area has experienced growth in high rise buildings and apartments as a result of the opening of a metro stop that is near the National Headquarters. This has created an excess of commercial rental space in the area, making rental of any additional space within National Headquarters less likely to fill with office tenants. Based on research from a third party real estate expert on the impact of upkeep, maintenance, and utilities for a 30,000 square foot building that is almost 40 years old, the FCCLA National Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the sale of the FCCLA National Headquarters property.

FCCLA engaged one of the country's leading commercial real estate companies to list the property and they have secured a buyer. The sale of the property has been finalized. FCCLA will maintain an office in the 1910 Association Drive building for a six months to provide for transition of the address change and time to move into a new National Headquarters' Office. The National Headquarters' Office will continue to be in the Washington Dulles area as a presence near the other National CTSOs, the Department of Education, and the Nation's Capital provides an important connection for the organization.

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When the National Board of Directors decided to sell the property the Board established and passed a policy to invest the proceeds of the sale into investments. To clarify the sale of the property was not necessitated by a need of funds but rather the impact on the mission and work of the organization as well as the condition of the building. This policy includes guidelines on how the interest from the invested funds can be used to support the mission of the organization while also leaving funds secured to maintain the strong foundation that the building has provided over the years. The sale of the property is a result of research, thoughtful conversations, and reflection on the amazing work of all who provided a home for the National Headquarters.

The National Staff has archived, inventoried, and stored the historical documents of the organization and has worked to vacate the building. It has been a sizeable lift and many have worked hard to prepare the organization for a new home. We look forward to a National Headquarters that better reflects the contemporary leadership of our members and the excellent work of Family, and Consumer Sciences related fields.

The National Board of Directors and National Staff recognize the magnitude of the impact of this decision and sincerely appreciate all who have been involved and given so much to enable the organization to be at this strong turning point, and we look forward to the future with strong courage and high hope.

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