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## **Former Sears Building to Become Overflow Center**

*Overflow Christian Community Development Association (OCCDA) new owners of the Sears Building*

**Benton Harbor, Michigan**— The Overflow Christian Community Development Association (OCCA), a 501 (c3) non-profit organization, and Overflow Church, has been given the former Sears facility, 1860 Pipestone Rd, Benton Harbor, Michigan, by a generous, anonymous donor to further the work of the OCCDA. The OCCDA is incredibly humbled by the opportunity and potential of the “Overflow Center” to assist in the fulfillment of their mission to “*seek the peace and prosperity of our region through transformational initiatives and partnerships that encourages, equips, and empowers our community to reach its greatest potential.*” Rose A. Hunt, Board President for the OCCDA, says “*This is an extraordinary opportunity for our area. It is my hope and dream to witness the emergence of the vast, untapped potential of our communities to unprecedented levels of productivity and prosperity. God continues to smile on us!*”

The Overflow Center will be a mixed-use facility, housing the OCCDA and Overflow Church ([www.overflowchurch.org](http://www.overflowchurch.org)) with multiple tenants in the years to come. “*We have believed that the God-given vision of Overflow would someday lead to these kinds of transformational partnerships, and we are humbled and in awe of what God has done with the Overflow Center and the OCCDA,*” says Brian Bennett, Lead Pastor of Overflow Church. “*We’re really excited to have the opportunity to move our Worship Celebrations to the new facility in 2010 and provide a great environment for all people from all walks of life to come together. Truly with God all things are possible!*”

The OCCDA is a non-denominational, faith-based organization committed to partnerships in the community, the region and beyond that help generate resources and best practices to help people move forward in life. The OCCDA’s philosophy is centered on the belief that all people are created with a plan and a purpose and are valuable. We believe that lasting change

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happens through people that have been reconciled to themselves (emotionally/forgiveness), God (spiritual balance), and each other (socially) and that a community can be transformed through the rebuilding of relationships, leading to the equipping and empowering of all people. Overflow's belief is that the community of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, and the surrounding county, holds within itself incredible people and potential. As the people of this region are shown true hope and a love that transcends all perceived boundaries, we believe that the Benton Harbor/St. Joseph community will become a model for change, reconciliation, and healing for other parts of the world. We look forward to the years ahead and seeing our community change one life at a time as the bridges of division are overcome and the disadvantaged are empowered to live their life with hope, dignity, safety, and financial security.

For more information, please see [www.overflowchurch.org](http://www.overflowchurch.org), [www.overflowccda.org](http://www.overflowccda.org) or [www.overflowccda.blogspot.com](http://www.overflowccda.blogspot.com).

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