



A community space serving great coffee and social good.

Refuge Coffee Collaboration is a new initiative of Love Alaska, a non-profit organization that mobilizes the community to serve marginalized and vulnerable populations.

We have served survivors of human trafficking, at-risk youth, and many other vulnerable groups over the past 12+ years.

Over that time we have seen job training and trauma-informed employment opportunities lacking in our community for those we serve. So, what are we doing about it? Opening a space where we can provide that!

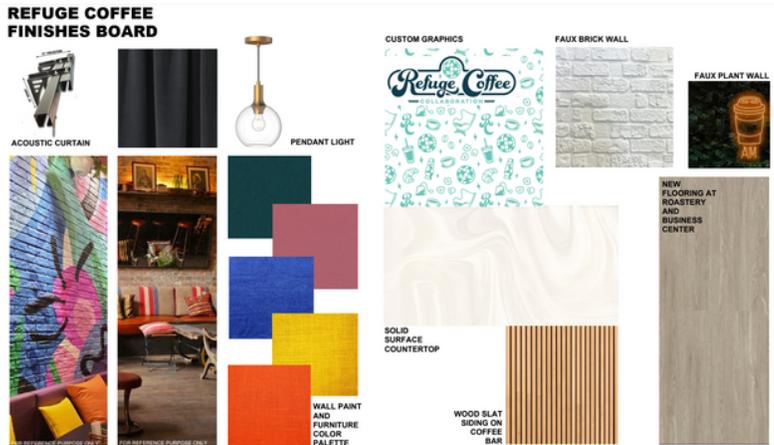
This will be a space where our clients can work alongside skilled baristas to learn new skills, build a resume, and work to establish new and healthier futures for themselves and their families.

Coming to Anchorage, Summer 2024.

THE SPACE.

Our space is located at 3309 Spenard Road, right in the heart of one of Anchorage’s most storied neighborhoods.

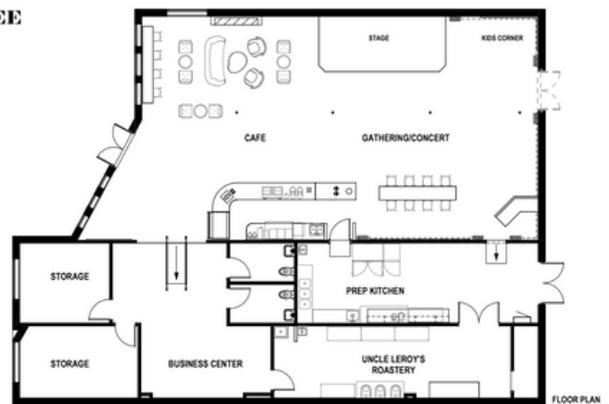
This is a neighborhood where many of our clients live, and pass through. This is a strategic location for the work we do, and this space will be the perfect home for Refuge Coffee.



From a coffee shop by day, where the community can gather and work, to a live music and event venue by night, providing friends with an alcohol-free alternative in Anchorage.

Imagine a colorful space filled with life and energy and hope, right in the heart of Spenard. That’s exactly what we’re creating!

REFUGE COFFEE FLOOR PLAN





THE NUMBERS.

A project like this is not easy or cheap. However it's absolutely worth it!

There are some costs that are one-time as we get the space ready and built-out, there are other costs that will be ongoing. For ongoing costs we have included both the monthly amount and the anticipated amount over the first 2 years the coffee shop is open.

Design & Planning (RIM Architects) :: \$50,000

Construction & Build Out (Midnight Sun Builders) :: \$200,000

Building Rent :: \$6,000 per month (\$144,000 for first 2 years)

Cafe Manager :: \$35,000 (\$70,000 for first 2 years)

Utilities :: \$400 monthly (\$9,600 for first 2 years)

Cafe Opening Costs (product, goods, etc) :: \$8,000 - \$10,000

Along with those expenses we also have income that will help offset some of that. We have an agreement with Uncle Leroy's Coffee and they will be moving their roasting operation into our building and paying \$1,000 per month rent. We also anticipate \$2,000 per month in space rental fees.

We have also had a significant amount of equipment donated, including the commercial espresso maker, tables, chairs, and other coffee shop equipment.

As with any project of this nature we anticipate cost overruns and changes, however the numbers above give a quick overview of what we anticipate.



Refuge Coffee Collaboration would not be possible without the support of our community. Thank you to the amazing group of donors who have already given to this project!

If you have additional questions about Refuge Coffee, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We are so excited for Anchorage to have a safe, hope-filled space for the community to gather and for our clients and survivors to take important steps toward healthier futures!

This project will not be easy, but they are worth it!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Lopez".

Executive Director of Love Alaska

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