

"These new facilities are part of the future for the Tulsa Dream Center as we keep expanding our programs, services and reach. And we have a lot more dreams to come. So let's keep serving together, loving our neighbors and believing that our best days are right in front of us."

Board Chairman Pastor Paul Daugherty

The Tulsa Dream Center is making

From Plea To Pool

waves again with the opening of a new indoor pool and community splash pad.

The \$1.5 million project was made possible through the generosity of more than 1,000 donors.

"We want to say a huge thank you to all of our donors and volunteers who pull together to make a generational impact on the lives we love to serve," Executive Director Tim Newton said.

The grand opening took place on Aug. 20. Roughly 150 people came out to celebrate the ceremonial ribbon-cutting and see the brand new pool for the very first time.

The project was inspired by a plea from the community to save the lives of children by teaching them to swim after two drowned in a rain-swollen creek in May 2020.

"That grief was the genesis for this pool," Tim said. "It's a way for us to bring hope in the midst of tragedy and show our families how much we care about them."



Swimming lessons will be part of the Dream Center's summer camps and after-school programs. The pool also will be used to train teens to work as lifeguards across town.

City Councilor Vanessa Hall-Harper said, "The Dream Center has an important role in teaching young people to become leaders.

"This place is an open door to equality and the opportunities that everyone deserves, whether it's education or access to healthcare," Vanessa said.

All four of Tulsa's major television station aired stories about the grand opening. You can see them at www.tulsadreamcenter.org.

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