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Educational Nonprofit Finds Its New Home

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The Spanish [Educational Development](#) Center is expected to open its new facility in the District's Petworth neighborhood today after searching for a home over the last year, with help from some local companies.

The nonprofit group, which has done child development and adult education programs for low-income District residents for 37 years, found out about a year ago that its landlord was ending its month-to-month lease on a rowhouse in Adams Morgan.

After an extensive search, the group found a new home at 4110 Kansas Ave. NW, and with \$3 million worth of renovations, upgrades and new equipment -- paid for with donations by [Boston Properties](#), a major developer in the Washington area, and Bethesda-based Clark Construction, along with CB Richard Ellis, Balfour Beatty, Hickok Cole and DLA Piper.

"It takes the city of Washington, D.C., to create a facility to nurture 40 infants, educate 140 children and provide needed opportunities for literally hundreds of adults every year," said Ray Ritchey of Boston Properties, who helped lead the project.

-- Dana Hedgpeth

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