

M&T Bank Donates Former Bank Building For New Workforce Development Center in York

Tec Centro York will offer educational, linguistic and job skills training to underserved individuals

YORK, Pa., Aug. 16, 2022 -- [M&T Bank](#) is donating a recently closed bank branch in York to the Spanish American Civic Association (SACA) to create a new workforce development center that will help underemployed and unemployed residents find jobs in high-demand fields such as health care, construction, culinary arts and building maintenance.

Tec Centro York will provide basic adult education, linguistic and job skills training and career counseling to individuals in historically underserved communities – including York's Hispanic and Latino residents. SACA, a 501(c)3 organization based in Lancaster, Pa., has partnered with the York Community Resource Center, a nonprofit that offers vocational and technical training, to administer the workforce development programs offered at Tec Centro York.

The new center, located in M&T's former bank branch at 800 E. Market St. in York, is scheduled to open during the second quarter of 2023. M&T closed the bank branch July 29 and consolidated operations into its branch at 21 E. Market St., fewer than 2 miles away. A full-service M&T ATM that accepts deposits and distributes withdrawals will remain available to bank customers outside the Tec Centro York building at 800 E. Market St.

"When we made the difficult decision to consolidate two neighboring bank branches into one facility, we knew we had to give the building to an organization that would use it to benefit the York community," said Tom Koppmann, M&T's regional president for Southeast Pennsylvania. "In SACA, we found the perfect partner to provide residents of York with the resources and skills they need to improve their lives and provide for their families. We can't wait to see how Tec Centro York helps to transform the communities it serves."

The building at 800 E. Market St. will be transferred to the York Community Resource Center, which will replicate the Tec Centro workforce development model SACA started in Lancaster in 2014. In fact, Tec Centro York will be the second replication of Tec Centro. In 2021, Tec Centro Berks opened in Reading, Pa.

The Tec Centro centers typically place most of their students in jobs following training. Those jobs can include certified nurse aid, dental assistant, medical assistant, bank teller, commercial/industrial electrician, plumber, facility maintenance, HVAC and culinary arts.

"SACA and Tec Centro are immensely grateful for collaborative partnerships, like that of M&T Bank," said Carlos Graupera, Founder and CEO of SACA and SACA Development. "This is a powerful example of a business using its resources and expertise to work alongside other organizations to amplify the community's access to and effectiveness of our workforce development programs."

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About SACA

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