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## Firm News

### WTH&F Negotiates Deal For Good Samaritan Foundation

DATELINE 7/9/01 -- Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald has successfully negotiated a 20-year lease on behalf of the Good Samaritan Foundation (GSF) for a new youth Training and Outreach Center. Led by WTH&F partner [John G. Lavoie](#), the WTH&F pro bono team spent more than 14 months working directly with GSF, several private supporters, and the District of Columbia Government to reach this agreement.

The lease involves the re-development of the Carver Theatre at 2405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E. in Anacostia. Initial construction will begin by mid-August 2001. This center will serve as a state-of-the-art training center for young people in the community.

According to Mr. Lavoie, "This has been a complicated, yet rewarding experience. Resolving the final details of the lease was challenging, but once the Center opens, the benefit to the community will be overwhelmingly positive."

GSF is a non-profit community organization, lead by two former Washington Redskin players – Art Monk serves as GSF's president and Charles Mann serves as the group's Vice President. Both Mr. Monk and Mr. Mann are closely involved with GSF's programs and were actively involved in the negotiations with several agencies of the District of Columbia government regarding the project. Ms. Eugenia Mercer, Executive Director of GSF, has been a key player involved in all aspects of this project for over two years. GSF's mission is to bring about a dramatic change in the lives of the District's young people, while serving as a safe haven for the community's youth. To learn more about GSF, please visit [www.gsf-dc.org](http://www.gsf-dc.org).