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## MNA moving headquarters to the Marshall Street Armory Building

The Michigan Nonprofit Association is excited to announce that we have signed a long term agreement with Gillespie Group to move our headquarters to the Marshall Street Armory Building upon its completion. The Armory Building will undergo a full historic renovation and become a shared headquarters for MNA and four other Lansing-based nonprofit organizations: the Capital Region Community Foundation, the Michigan Association of United Ways, the Food Bank Council of Michigan, and the Capital Area United Way. For MNA, this new space means further opportunities for collaboration and partnership with several nonprofit partners.

MNA is proud to be a part of this bold new approach to collaboration among grant-seekers and grant-makers within the sector, and hopes to model a best practice in this area for our members. With both local and state-wide nonprofits filling the space, we look to create a synergy that will permeate throughout the local and Michigan economies.

Based on the concept of efficient collaboration between organizations, this nonprofit center will take a revolutionary approach to organizing our state association headquarters. The building will

allow MNA to share resources such as a reception area, conference rooms, and copying room with partnering organizations-with the potential for sharing administrative functions and technology infrastructure. It will create a significant cost savings in the process.

The Armory Building was constructed in 1924 and became the facility for the 1st Battalion 119th Field Artillery. Here, U.S. military personnel once gathered to receive the necessary training to defend our nation. Now, because of commitments made by MNA and others within our sector, this building will again inspire such a sense of community and service.

Shared space is a unique way nonprofits can stretch existing dollars, and deepen the partnerships that we know advance missions. Through your membership in MNA, you have shown your understanding of the power that a strong network and collaborative approach can have. We hope that this model helps you think in new ways about leveraging both your membership and the connections it provides.

