

THE WILLMAR FLEET

The Willmar Fleet is a group of semi-trailers under one roof with the same mission – Whole Health. Each semi-trailer contains a specific programmatic element: kitchen, stage, greenhouse, and flex space. The wheeled areas can be moved within the building and the outdoor terrace by an individually-operated electric yard truck. They can also be latched to a conventional truck and driven further, redefining the extent of community outreach. The collaboration with the neighboring auto repair and tire shops is the key. Each vehicle in the Fleet is accessed by portable stairs, ADA ramps, and ADA elevators. Semi-trailers have names and identities, so they are easy to relate to and impossible to neglect.

Savy (Salads And Veggies- Yummy) is a kitchen specializing in healthy foods. Health begins with what we eat, and many health-related problems can be avoided with proper nutrition. The kitchen aims to provide the community with healthy food and practical skills to cook it home.

Tia (Today I Am...) is the most flexible semi-trailer of all. It can unfold into two 320sf rooms for any need, such as vaccination, emergency shelter, daycare, etc.

Hao (Harvest Against Odds) is the only semi-trailer that spends most of its time outdoors. Thus, it has a permanent landscaping fixture outside for gathering and ADA access. Hao grows a variety of food all year later used in the community kitchen and provides practical gardening skills, aiding mental and physical health.

Fave (For All Voices Everywhere) has an important mission to give voices to those historically left unheard, providing the stage for all messages: health, social justice, economic disparity, disenfranchisement. The conversation may happen in many forms, from music to speech. The moments when dialogue is critical can happen suddenly and miles away from the Fleet building. Fave has the equipment and capabilities to aid everyone everywhere.

Each semi-trailer in the Fleet will record its own history on the outer shell, and the building will document the history of the entire Fleet on the murals inside. Each community outreach, event, challenges faced, successes, and losses will be preserved. The location of each semi-trailer is displayed in the elevator tower: home, or away. Both the stationary and mobile history of Willmar live with the community and instill a sense of pride and belonging so important in our uncertain times.



Fave team, talking about the state of the US national parks.



Tia team, serving as a free clinic in rural US. At Willmar, Tia frequently serves as daycare.



Savy team, serving food at Prospect Park, Minnesota.



Hao, home, at the Willmar Fleet building



