



*The Thurgood Marshall Center
for Service and Heritage*

THE THURGOOD MARSHALL CENTER TRUST, INC

“The Cornerstone of the Community for the Next 100 Years”

1816 TWELFTH STREET, NW,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 200090
202 462 8314

SPACE RENTAL FACT SHEET

History The Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and Heritage is located in the building that was the first YMCA built for African Americans. It was designed by Booker T. Washington’s son-in-law, W. Sidney Pittman who was one of America’s first African American Architect’s. President Theodore Roosevelt laid the cornerstone in 1908. It was named the Twelfth Street YMCA and became a dynamic community center where youth were challenged by wholesome activities, positive values, and inspiring role models. The many notable Americans with beginnings and involvement in this Y included Coach John Thompson, Justice Thurgood Marshall, the poet Langston Hughes, and Dr. Charles Drew. After many illustrious decades of service this five-story brick building was closed in 1982. The building became designated as a National Historic Landmark and reopened as a restored and remodeled community service center for nonprofit community and heritage programs and offices serving children, youth, and families – the Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and Heritage.

Location The Center located 1816 12th Street between “S” and “T” Streets in Northwest Washington, D.C., just a few blocks from the U Street – Cardozo Metro Station.

Facilities Most of the building is used by nonprofit tenants for program and office space but the historic first floor has spaces available for meetings, receptions, and small events for up to 200 to 300 persons. Specifically there is:

- A small historic gymnasium for gatherings of up to 250 persons
- Conference space that seats up to 60 persons
- A historic lounge for gathering that seat up to 100

Contact To make rental arrangements please complete the online application and call and speak with the Contract Specialist.



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SPACE RENTAL APPLICATION

Organization: _____

Type of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Space Interested In: Gymnasium_____ Conference:_____ Historic Lounge:_____

Date of Event: _____

Time of Event: _____

Type of Event: _____

Will food be served: _____

Audio/Visual needed: _____

How many chairs: _____

Easels: _____

Tables: _____

Speakers & Mic: _____

Dance Floor: _____

Note: Please speak with the TMCT Contract Specialist about Parking and Beverage request.