

History of Project:

A Community Center for Oskaloosa was the dream of a small group of people beginning in 2003. Availability of grants from the state of Kansas were a possibility for funding of a building with a 40% match by the local community. Volunteers were solicited, and a community meeting was held, but the kinds of responses the State was seeking were not available at that time. Over time enthusiasm for the project waned. In July 2005 another small group began meeting, building upon the work of the original group. A community assessment was conducted to determine the community's interest in the project and what kinds of activities/facilities were needed. Additional meetings with the State, a commitment of the City of Oskaloosa to serve as the fiscal agent, Incorporation as a 501(c)(3) organization, and beginning fundraising activities have been accomplished during the past year.

First Fundraising Activity

Individuals, families and businesses will have the opportunity to donate \$100 (4x8") or \$250 (8x8") and have a brick engraved with their name. The bricks will be used in the structure of the Community Center Building.

Dreams and Goals

The Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Community Center is currently seeking a location for the Center. Once a location is secured, a building (construction or renovation) design will be drawn. Local volunteers will be needed to commit time and materials to the construction or renovation. Those volunteers will need to meet with the Board and State representatives if we are to pursue grant funding from the state. The Board may also decide to pursue financing without grant funds.

The Community provided the Board with many dreams and wishes for the activities and facilities to be available in a Community Center.

Our #1 goal is to provide a facility that will serve all age groups within the community and surrounding areas of Oskaloosa.

Accessible meeting space for organizations, private parties, weddings, receptions, community, educational and recreational activities are all purposes for the building.

How YOU can Help

- Financial contributions
- Manual labor for construction or renovation
- Building materials
- Building furnishings
- Building supplies
- Service on the Community Center Board or Committee
- Fundraising activities

Contributions and Donor Recognition

All donations above \$250 will be recognized with a permanent plaque in the new Community Center building.

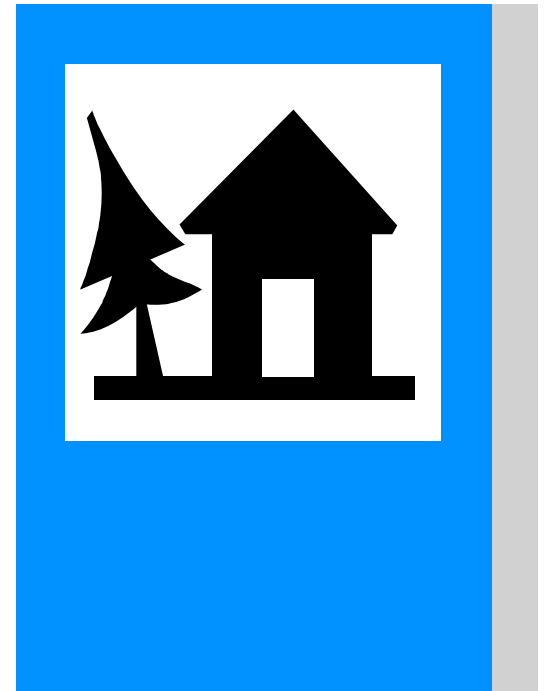
Recognition Categories of Giving are as follows:

AMOUNT:	CATEGORY:
\$10,000 and above	Diamond Donors Club
\$5,000 to \$9,999	Ruby Donors Club
\$1,000 to \$4,999	Platinum Donors Club
\$500 to \$999	Gold Donors Club
\$250 - \$499	Silver Donors Club

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be left at the State Bank of Oskaloosa

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COMMUNITY CENTER

■ a gathering place
for the community

■ built by the
community

(a not-for-profit organization)

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Volunteer/Donor Interest Form:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- I am interested in providing financial assistance
- I am interested in providing manual labor during construction/renovation
- I am interested in providing building materials
- I am interested in serving on the Community Center Committee
- I am interested in providing the following services: _____

You will be contacted regarding your choice(s)

Please return this form to: **Linda Loving, 10355 Nemaha Rd., Oskaloosa, KS 66066**
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