

Stanton Friends

Building for our youth, community, and future

VIKING CENTER NEARS \$2.9M GOAL!!!

The Viking Center is within reach of receiving a substantial grant from the Vision Iowa Grant committee. Out of 10 projects presented they have invited 4 projects to enter into a negotiation phase with them, and we are proud to be one of those chosen. The board stated they believe in us and believe in the Viking Center Project.

With an idea of an amount Vision Iowa has earmarked for our project, Stanton Friends will be \$700,000 from reaching our goal. The Vision Iowa grant will put us into position to move forward with construction documents to break ground in the spring of 2012! We are excited to share this great news with you and we sincerely appreciate the tremendous support given to the Viking Center project to this point.

We've been working very hard and under a rather tight deadline, but the end is in sight. This campaign has had an amazing amount of sacrificial giving and commitment. This is truly heartwarming.

At a time when many communities like ours are accomplishing great things and building facilities to encourage families to live and raise their children in rural Iowa, we know that this is more important than ever. In attending Vision Iowa Board meetings, we saw dozens of other projects across the state presented and to be chosen speaks volumes of the support we have received and the planning involved in our project.

Another grant awarded for the Viking Center - the I-Jobs Grant, in the amount of \$294,946 has given us a 6 month extension to get the project underway. That's why time is crucial! Without the needed remaining dollars, we are at risk of losing that grant.

We cannot stress enough the importance of the final dollars coming together in this campaign. Agreements with the City of Stanton have been finalized and the support of everyone has been overwhelming. We now turn back to residents, supporters, and alumni to help push this project forward. We have raised near \$2 million and now we need your help in putting the last dollars in to complete this project. We have been challenged by the Vision Iowa board to fill the gap of approximately \$700,000 by January 2012.

We ask for your continued support with a tax deductible donation or pledge to be paid over a 3 year period. You will become a big part of the process of completing the best step forward our community has taken in many years. Final weeks are most challenging part of this campaign and we are confident we can wrap this up with a victory celebration.

Sincerely,
Stanton Friends

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The Stanton Viking Center project was initiated by local citizens in 2007 to address city problems/opportunities that were voiced at a series of public forums/visioning sessions. As a result of these meetings, the Stanton Mayor appointed a group of diverse representatives – which became known as Stanton Friends – to further study the issues and develop possible alternatives.

A group of community members toured and studied 15 local communities who have addressed similar issues (preschool, wellness programming, library, community room, storm shelter).

Additionally, the building will utilize ‘green’ technology and energy-saving concepts. It will be heated and cooled by an EER 15 geothermal system and its building materials/appliances – insulation, windows, doors, lighting/sensors, faucets, etc. – will exceed Iowa energy codes.

The building will also be sited to take advantage of the sloped site. The earth will act as an insulator for much of the lower level of the building. Windows will be minimized on the west side of the building to cut down on solar gain and an overhang will be installed above south-facing windows to reduce energy costs/solar gain.

Through use of this space and building management, the following recreational and tourism activities are proposed to be created:

- Athletic tournaments and competitions, such as volleyball and basketball;
- Fitness and weight training;
- Exercise classes, such as aerobics, yoga, step, etc.;
- Indoor/outdoor hiking events;
- Health & wellness educational programming;
- 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Kids Club activities;
- Health screenings, immunizations, blood drives;
- After-school activities; camp-overs and recreation parties for area youngsters;
- Intensive adult and youth sports instruction camps in basketball, baseball, volleyball;
- Business, municipal and organizational athletic and business events;
- Healthy Kids Day for families featuring a healthy snacks, fire engines, craft making, and sports safety demonstrations in a carnival-like atmosphere;
- Holiday events and celebrations in conjunction with communities;
- Children’s story hours;
- Reading competitions;
- Computer training classes;
- Literacy training;
- Plays, concerts and other preschool performances;
- Business workshops/trainings;
- Emergency management training events;
- Bus trips for 55+ groups and youth to nearby tourism attractions.

If you have any questions regarding the project or making a pledge, please email us at stantonfriends@myfmtc.com or call 712-370-0037.