

# Stanton Friends

*Building for our Youth, Community and Future*

## Together We Can Make Our Dream a Reality

- **Join Us** to Build for Our Youth.
- **Join Us** to Build for Our Community.
- **Join Us** to Build for Stanton's Future.
- **Join Us** In Dreaming Big.

### **Together we Can Make Our Dream a Reality**

We believe in Stanton. We believe in the people that live here and the ones yet to come. We believe in the Stanton Friend's 4.8 million dollar capital campaign to build the Viking Center.

In the past few months, over 130 donors have pledged nearly \$430,000.

As this time, there are two grants Stanton Friends has applied for, along with a third application, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant, close to being submitted. This particular grant could be very substantial dollar wise. This grant would allow us to build to FEMA specifications designated areas to be used as a community storm shelter for anyone in the community to use during severe weather, along with the peace of mind that when



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bad weather approaches our preschool and daycare children would be sheltered in a very safe place. Also, Stanton Friends is keeping a close eye on federal funding that could be coming available very soon for projects that are "shovel ready" in 2009.

The grants and potential 2009 funding mentioned above along with the fact that building materials have come down considerably the past few months are just a few of many reasons why it is so important for our campaign fund drive to keep moving and to grow our pledge amounts. As mentioned

before, many grants will look at the degree of community support as one of their main deciding factors in determining if a project is worthy of their funds. Our committee is researching and planning to apply to over 30 grant agencies or charitable foundations.

With all this being said, we cannot emphasize to you and your family how important your pledge, big or small, can be to the success of this project becoming a reality. We're asking for your support. Can Stanton Friends count on you to be part of the Viking Center?

*Project Coordinator:*  
*Mindy Wookey*

*Co-Chairman*  
*Mickey Anderson*  
*Chuck Truka*

*Treasurer*  
*Amy Tibben*

*Secretary*  
*Stephanie Burke*

### *Steering Committee*

*Barb Allen*  
*Amy Elwood*  
*Jerry Gilliland*  
*Katie Hart*  
*Brian Hopf*  
*Bret Hultman*  
*Mark Lindgren*  
*Nancy Lindgren*  
*Jeff Magnuson*  
*Ashley McDonald*  
*Dennis McClain*  
*Scott Morris*  
*Jake Nimrod*  
*Carrie Nimrod*  
*Stephen Peterson*  
*Amy Sallach*  
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## Stanton Friends Receive \$2,500 from REC

Stanton Friends received \$2,500 from contributions made from Southwest Iowa REC's Operation Round-Up fund.

The Operation Round Up Committee meets quarterly to review applications that are submitted.

“Rounding Up Dollars” has helped our project as well as:

- Fire Departments—\$3,000
- Medical Emergencies- \$1,000
- House Fires- \$500
- Community Projects- \$5,000

**Thank you Southwest Iowa REC**

## Why a Wellness Center?

Having a wellness center for our community will make us happier, healthier and stronger. It will provide just what we need to produce a better quality of life for all ages.

Please vision with us what a wellness center in Stanton Iowa will mean?

- place for aerobics
- a place for yoga
- a place for child exercise instructions
- a place for health clinics provided by Montgomery County Public Health, Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, or other health entities

- a place for mentoring programs between community adults and youth
- a gym for adults and youth
- a weight room with weight bearing equipment
- a place for elliptical equipment
- a walking track for those



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who prefer to walk indoors on a walking track, or a



“The greatest wealth is health.” ~Virgil



## A Year At A Glance

- March 08**
- A feasibility study is conducted by Pat Hall of Snyder's and Associates of Atlantic, Iowa.
  - The Steering Committee researched and collected data from similar sized communities with similar building projects.
  - Stephen Peterson develops webpage for Stanton Friends.
  - Representatives from Stanton Friends will sit on a sub-committee of the Stanton Child Resource Board allowing them to use their 501 C 3 status.
  - Steering Committee met with SWIPCO and discussed grant opportunities.
  - Nancy Lindgren developed committee to work on Alumni research.
  - Steering Committee asked Chamber, Industrial Foundation and City for support and funding for feasibility study.
- May**
- Sue Cosner awarded committee with \$5,000 for the feasibility study through the Ripple Effect Grant.
  - Marketing/Capital Campaign met and develops drafts of brochure and Question & Answer brochure.
  - Stanton Friends secured an office space.
- June**
- Developed Donor Recognition Levels.
  - Steering Committee pledged \$86,000 at June's meeting.
  - Set date of Community Capital Campaign Kick-off. Scheduled entertainment – Champions Forever.
- July**
- Steering Committee shared two presentations to community members (potentially capital campaign volunteers).
  - Grant Committee hired Lana Pals for 80 hours of Grant Research at \$30/hr.
- August**
- Pat Hall of Snyders and Associates presented the Steering Committee with the progress of the feasibility study-near completion.
  - Capital Campaign Fundraising Team is formed with Jerry & Pat Gilliland and Duane & Janet Dinville as Capital Campaign Chairpersons.
  - Mindy Wookey was hired as part-time Project Coordinator.
  - Lana Pals was hired as a grant writer along with SWIPCO and ISU extension office.
- Sept**
- Capital Campaign Fundraising Team met with approximately 200 individuals during one-on-one "host" meetings during the month of September.
  - Site Committee selects #1 site (west of school parking lot)
  - Architect Rick Emswiler was hired to do preliminary drawings of building.
  - A mailing went out to Stanton alumni promoting our project and pledge brochure.
- Oct**
- October 1, 2008, Stanton Friends Viking Center Kick-Off. Guest speakers and Champions Forever made it a success!
- Nov**
- Local Government Innovation grant was submitted and public fund raising efforts continue.
  - Newsletter from Stanton Friends was sent via email to residents, alumni, and friends of Stanton.
- Dec**
- Stanton Friends/City of Stanton submitted Community Development Block grant application for construction of the daycare center to the Iowa Department of Economic Development.
  - Mailer sent to all residents, alumni, and friends of Stanton.
- Jan 09**
- Public fund raising efforts continue, Stanton Friends submitted inquiry application to state for possible stimulus package for shovel ready projects.
- Feb**
- Members of the Steering Committee met with Montgomery County Emergency Coordinator, Kevin Norris on grants available/FEMA and storm shelter possibilities for facility.
- March**
- Kevin Currie of Septagon Construction gave the Steering Committee a presentation.

## *Stanton Friends*

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Fundraising is a bit like completing a jigsaw puzzle: you can envision the final outcome but you have to figure out how all the pieces fit together to make the picture complete. Whether individual pledges, major gifts from various sources or special events, each part fits into the bigger picture to help accomplish the goal. As much as putting a puzzle together is challenging, it is also very creative and exciting to watch as pieces fall into place.

