

Commerce Center Efforts in Raising the Remaining 25% for Multi-Use Complex

A capital campaign by the Delta County Commerce Center has been launched to raise the remaining 25% needed to complete the funding of the multi-use complex that will house three museums and five organizations in Escanaba, Michigan. The 22,000 square-foot, ultra-efficient multi-use facility is a collaboration driven to promote tourism and be an integral part in economic development for the region.

"The Commerce Center is inviting potential donors to take advantage of the opportunity to be part of this regional effort. Donors will be recognized and thanked for their generosity by having their name or company logo on a custom-designed, wood-etched donor wall in the building," according to Chamber Board Chair, Ed Legault.

The complex will be home to the U.P. Veterans Museum, Webster Marble "Inventing the Outdoors" Museum, Besse Forest Products Museum, and the organizations within the Delta County Commerce Center [Delta County Chamber of Commerce, Delta County Builder's Exchange, Delta County Economic Development Alliance, Bays de Noc CVB Visit Escanaba, and the U.P. State Fair].

The funding for this community project started with the generous donation from the John and Melissa Besse Foundation for \$1 million. The support was followed by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation [MEDC] with a grant for \$500,000. Within the first three months, the project acquired 75% of the \$2 million goal leaving another \$500,000 yet to be raised to complete the building.

The new multi-use complex, located on the busy North Lincoln Rd. [HWY US2 & 41, and HWY M35], will serve as a welcoming center to Delta County and the entire Upper Peninsula.

The Commerce Center is inviting potential donors to set up meetings to answer questions and discuss donations.

They are equipped with informational brochures, pledge cards, and in the near future a crowdfunding page providing access to donate via the internet.



Please call 906.786.2192 for inquiries in completing this vital project.

Yes!

I want to help build the new Multi-Use Complex on the U.P. State Fairgrounds.

Please contact me to discuss the project and my donation

Please accept my/our donation commitment

Donation Amount: _____

Enclosed Amount: _____

One-time gift

Payment over 2 years

Payment over 3 years

Business/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please make checks payable to Upper Peninsula State Fair Authority - Building Fund.

Mail to Delta County Commerce Center, 230 Ludington St., Escanaba, MI 49829.

Thank you for building up the U.P.!

Under the federal tax code, your contribution may qualify as a tax deduction.

Please consult with your tax advisor regarding how your donation will affect your tax situation.

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