

Evansville Fund Contributes to Parks Campaign

The charitable organization shared a \$10,000 gift with the Growing Our Parks Capital Campaign.

The Evansville Fund has joined the list of individuals and organizations contributing to the private philanthropy phase of fundraising for the city's park projects. With the generous gift, Chair Matt Pook shared that the campaign is edging closer to the \$1.7-million goal.

The donation comes from the Special Projects Fund within the Evansville Fund family. The Special Projects fund is supported in large measure by the annual Chocolate Extravaganza held each February.

Pook met with the Fund's Advisory Board after members had seen a presentation Pook gave at a meeting of the Evansville Lions Club, which has also made a generous commitment. After the presentation, the Advisory Board expressed their enthusiasm to contribute to the project.

Evansville Fund Advisory Board Chair Josh Tregoning shared his thoughts about the gift:

The Evansville Community Fund is excited to be able to contribute a significant donation to the new Aquatic Center. We would not be able to do this without the continued trust and donations from the Evansville Community. The Evansville Community Fund looks to give back to the community in manners that affect all of its citizens, and this donation does just that!

Advisory Board Member Nancy Nelson also shared thoughts:

The Evansville Fund is excited to make this gift to the Aquatic Center project. The goal of the Evansville Fund is to support projects that enhance life in Evansville and the new pool will provide a wonderfully diverse recreational area for our residents and visitors to the city. We encourage everyone to join the Fund in helping reach the project's goal. I once read that giving is not about making a donation--it's about making a difference. Let's all make a difference!

Board members hope to inspire the community to follow their lead and add their support. Perhaps you could match their gift with \$10,000 or \$5000 of your own.

If you or your organization would like a presentation on the details of the city's parks projects and new aquatic center, don't hesitate to get in touch with Matt Pook or Melanie Crans at City Hall.

Individuals, households, businesses, organizations, and foundations are catching the vision. Financial gifts have been received or committed from the following:

- The Evansville Fund
- Courtier Foundation
- John & Sandy Decker
- In memory of Kenneth Kuelz
- Jeanette Schunk (in Memory of Robert Elmer and Warren Schunk and in Honor of Rhonda Crans, Lori Goodspeed, Mark Elmer, and Jeff Elmer)
- Wally Shannon and Shannon Law Office
- Chris Eager and Denise Janssen Eager
- Evansville Angels Softball
- Larry & Marsha Dobbs
- Jeff & Sue Farnsworth
- Glenn & Susan Kruser
- In honor of Angie & Tommy Olsen
- Freemasons
- Evansville Lions Club
- Ruth Ann Montgomery
- Evansville Memorial Post 6905 Building Fund
- American Legion Post 35, McKinney-Hatlevig Post # 35
- Women's Literary Club
- Creekside Place
- Bill & Mary Hartje
- Blasé Strobl and Core Physical Therapy
- Bill & Ruby Davis
- Donna & Kenneth Nelson
- Libby Crull
- Jennifer Eager Ehle (in Memory of Sarah Prentice Jones (Leonard))
- Matthew & Becca Pook
- Roger & Brenda Berg
- Pat Carr
- Ryan Egan & Julia Schiefelbein-Egan
- Bryant Krueger (Krueger Foundation)
- Vickie & Thomas Arneson
- Kristian Finrock
- Hagen CPA LLC
- Thomas & Beverly Harris
- Anonymous (2)

The Growing Our Parks Committee extends its thanks to the community for its generous support. Together, the vision of creating a vibrant system of parks for the citizens of Evansville is becoming a reality.

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