



Lincoln Community Center The Legacy Campaign

The Legacy

FACT:

Lincoln Community Center (LCC) has an exceptional 154-year Legacy of "educating, informing and uplifting" thousands of youth and adults in the Troy community through programs and services spanning many generations and dramatically impacting the quality of life locally. For all those years, LCC has provided a "safe haven" and a "true community center" for all. ***This is Legacy!***

FACT:

The original small facility from which Lincoln Community Center was created housed a one-room school which operated from 1865-1874 for African-American children in Troy. The foundation and footprint of that original school building still exists today within the front wing of Lincoln Community Center. ***This is Legacy!***

FACT:

Following a 14-year process of assessing community needs, space/building requirements, cost, fund-raising, and private/public partnership creation, the construction of the current Lincoln Community Center building was initiated in 1939 on the site of Lincoln School. John Spencer, president of Hobart Manufacturing Company, played a significant leadership role in the assessment process. His gift, along with bond levy support through the City of Troy, enabled the current LCC building to become a reality. This is one of many historical examples of leadership and generosity from major Troy industrialists (working with the City and community) which made a lasting difference to the quality of life in Troy. ***This is Legacy!***

The Need

FACT:

Over the years, the Legacy of Lincoln Community Center has remained strong and consistent by providing essential programming and support for the community. Over the past seven years, strong leadership by Shane Carter, executive director, the Staff and the LCC Board has resulted in creation of a well-defined strategic plan which has enabled tremendous program growth and community members impacted. *In 2018, LCC offered 58 programs and events. Over 65,000 young people and adults participated.* The current building is said to be "literally bursting at the seams!" Lack of program and work space, lack of ADA/handicap accessible facilities, and lack of parking have all become major issues which prevent participation and access at Lincoln Community Center. ***This is Legacy!***

The Solution

FACT:

For the past three years, planning has been underway to study the space needs and to determine what additional programming and activity space is required for Lincoln Community Center to continue the Legacy of service and impact for the Troy Community. Construction and operational costs were reviewed as well as fund-raising opportunities. In keeping with the rich Troy history and success of public/private partnerships, LCC has been working with the City of Troy, local architects/ builders, business and industry, foundations, and other community leadership people to determine what is the "best practice" path forward for Lincoln Community Center. ***This is Legacy!***

FACT:

The result of lengthy and thorough planning is proposed construction of new additional space for Lincoln Community Center which would add 21,803 square feet of programming/activity/work space along with ADA compliant areas and additional parking. The projected cost is \$3.8 million. Included within the space will be a high school regulation gymnasium, lobby/receptionist area, program/activity rooms, exercise area,locker rooms/showers, staff offices/work areas, kitchen/concession, and storage. The space in the existing historic building will be refreshed and continue to be used as well. In addition to the LCC strategic plan, a business plan along with a five-year budget projection has been created. Increased building expense and program growth have been carefully reviewed for organizational continuity and success. Built originally by Troy business leaders and generous donors, Lincoln Community Center will be reaching out again to foundations, business and industry partners, community leaders, individuals, and families to seek support to keep the Legacy of Lincoln Community Center moving forward. ***This is Legacy!***

The Vision/Mission

FACT:

The Legacy of Lincoln Community Center is reflected in the LCC Vision/Mission which is... "To provide a safe gathering place with educational, recreational, and mentoring opportunities for all ethnicities and age groups in the Troy community." As a true community center, LCC welcomes everyone from the Troy area to participate in its many programs, activities and events ... and to support financially the Legacy Campaign. Join the campaign for LCC which is building on the past to ensure LCC Vision/Mission for the future! ***This is Legacy!***

Be a part of the Legacy. Be a part of the Solution.

Be a Lincoln Community Center Supporter.

