



STEEPLE SQUARE NEWS

FALL 2017

Board President Update



Jack McCullough,
Steeple Square Board
President and President,
McCullough Creative

Steeple Square reached a milestone in September when, in a private ceremony, we revealed the name of our future childcare center as the Marita Theisen Childcare Center. This center will have a tremendous impact on the Washington Neighborhood – including residents of the Maria House and Francis Apartments – giving parents a convenient, quality facility for their children’s care. The hope is to open in 2019. Huge gratitude goes out to the Theisen Family for partnering with Steeple Square in this fundraising effort, and thank you to the supporters who contributed matching funds for the facility.

I would like to again thank our generous donors, board of directors and volunteers who give so much in time, talent and treasure to Steeple Square in support of our mission.

I continue to be amazed how blessed we are to live in such a caring and giving community. Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season!



Jim and Marita Theisen at the unveiling of the naming of the Marita Theisen Childcare Center at Steeple Square

Campaign Chair Update

As we approach the end of 2017, please consider directing any last-minute donations to Steeple Square.

We have received incredible community support in the past year, and we continue to complete our campaign goal to revitalize the Steeple Square campus into a hub for community support. Thanks to early support, the first piece of the campus – the Francis Apartments – are now home to six graduates of Opening Doors programs for homeless women and their families since the facility opened in August. We look forward to the Steeple Square Community Event Center housing not only community-building

activities and events, but also educational and vocational training. Further, the Marita Theisen Childcare Center at Steeple Square will meet a critical community need, and the campus itself will be transformed into a welcoming green space that can be enjoyed by our partners and the community.

Consider joining this exciting community effort that is transforming a neighborhood and transforming lives.

To make your year-end donation, contact Judy Wolf, treasurer for Steeple Square, at info@steeple-square.com or 563-599-1479. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Bob Hoefler, Steeple Square
Campaign Leadership
Team Chair and Honorary
Director with Distinction,
Dupaco Community
Credit Union



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Vocational Training Workshop

Vocational/job training is a key element of Steeple Square's mission-driven programming. Steeple Square aims to serve under- and unemployed community members and young people who need access to education and training.

One way in which Steeple Square is providing training during the two-year campus redevelopment is by hiring community members to learn historic restoration skills through the revitalization process. Dynamic partners including NICC, Heritage Works, and Four Mounds Foundation have developed core curriculum in restoration trades, and are leading a stained glass and wood window restoration training this fall.

This collaborative team has partnered with two nonprofits: Opening Doors and Fountain of Youth, to provide training to individuals served by both organizations.

Opening Doors provides hospitality and opportunities for success to homeless women, and the Fountain of Youth works with young people to change mindsets that contribute to generational poverty. The latter also offers mentoring programs for individuals who have been incarcerated.

Fountain of Youth Executive Director, Caprice Jones, sees the partnership as a natural fit. The organization has

recently found a home across the street from Steeple Square.

"We are grateful to collaborate with Steeple Square in allowing untapped human potential to rise in the community," he said. "What I've

come to find personally, is that the greatest resources in America are our people. And the most valuable resource is our youth. With this, we anticipate a continuance of this partnership so that we can be a model to different communities of partnership and community unity."

At the end of the program, participants receive a certificate and will have established hands-on training, opening career pathways and future opportunities.

The training was funded in part by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and generous donors. More training sessions are planned for 2018, and vocational training will be a permanent programming element at Steeple Square upon campus completion.



Caprice Jones



FEATURED CAMPUS EVENTS

Steeple Square Hosts 2nd Annual Community Fest

On Sunday, October 1, Steeple Square hosted around 400 community members at its 2nd Annual Steeple Square Community Fest. Washington Neighborhood residents and the greater Dubuque community celebrated on a beautiful fall day with games, food, movies and a dance performance by Cameron Ramsey.

This annual event helps Steeple Square to meet a part of its mission to contribute to neighborhood empowerment, citizen engagement and community vibrancy. Thank you to our volunteers who organized this wonderful event, and thank you to the City of Dubuque's Community Building Grant Program and the Steeple Square board of directors for funding this event.



Steeple Square Fall Bridal Show

On Sunday, November 5, Steeple Square hosted its first bridal show to promote the community event center space to engaged couples. Attendees were able to experience and envision our beautiful spaces for their future wedding, reception, engagement party, shower or rehearsal dinner. Great job to board member, John Dunkel, and event coordinator, Danielle Stowell, for hosting this amazing event. And special thanks to Zazou's Bridal Boutique & Tuxedos and Dreaming Allegiance for the spectacular runway show!



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OTHER CAMPUS EVENTS

Are you interested in seeing what the Steeple Square Community Event Center has to offer you or your organization to host an event? Check us out during our open house hours:

Mondays from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
First Sunday of every month from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
(unless we are hosting a private event)

To inquire about renting Steeple Square for your next event – including weddings, receptions, celebrations, business meetings, end-of-life services, concerts, art shows, and more – contact:

Danielle Stowell, Event Coordinator
563.235.3584 or
events@steeple-square.com
or visit: www.steeple-square.com/rent

RECENT ON-SITE EVENTS

- Marshallese Annual Leadership Meeting
- Travel Dubuque's Progressive Dinner
- 2nd Annual Bluff Strokes Plein Art Paint Out & Public Art Sale
- Ladies Night Out hosted by FloorShow Furniture and Flooring
- India Independence Day Celebration hosted by Dubuque's Multicultural Family Center
- Fountain of Youth Graduation
- Opening Doors: Getting Ahead
- Loras College National Register of Historic Places Meeting
- Iowa Arts Council Board of Directors Tour
- Leadership Dubuque Non-Profit Day Tour
- Weddings



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The Steeple Square board of directors would like to congratulate three of our leaders who were featured in the news recently.



Board member, Anderson Sainci, was elected to the Dubuque Community School Board and named a Rising Star by the Telegraph Herald.



Capital campaign chair, Bob Hoefer, and his wife, Marilyn, were named Outstanding Individual Philanthropists by the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Greater Tri-State Chapter.



Board member, Michelle Brown, was honored during the Attitude of Gratitude on November 18, for her legacy as the first-ever executive director at Opening Doors and her upcoming retirement from full-time work.

GRANTS & AWARDS



Best Adaptive Re-use – Francis Apartments
Awarded by Dubuque Main Street

FHLB Des Moines Strong Communities Award
Submitted by Dupaco Community Credit Union



The dedication of many community members make our efforts possible.
For a full list of team and committee members, visit steeple-square.com/about.