

Dear Friends and Members of the Main Street Center,

I am writing to you about something that I feel very passionate about. Nine years ago I had a life changing experience that affected how I look to the future. A friend suggested that I go the center to eat with her. That suggestion was the beginning of many friendships and a place where I could go and not eat alone.

I have since become active at the center and am on the Board of Directors. I feel that "seniors" play a very important part in our community. "Nothing can take the place of experience." We have a nice building that was built forty years ago by a number of people with a vision. It serves as an activities center, as a site for social gatherings and is also the site of the Dakota Senior Meals program. The building is available for rental for various kinds of social and community events.

The Dakota Hospital Foundation has generously chosen to help the center renovate its outdated look and help bring it up to current specifications. The partial funding was granted on a conditional basis. The foundation will provide up to \$30,000 annually for three years. The center must raise \$20,000 matching funds annually for three years.

This \$90,000 funding from the Dakota Hospital Foundation will go a long way toward a \$200,000 comprehensive five phase master plan to improve our aging facility over the next three years.

The campaign is called the "Tomorrow Project", and I feel that we can meet the annual challenge with grants, support from businesses, financial institutions, our members and the entire community. We have wonderful volunteer labor to help with the project. A Bequest from past members helped to start Phase I of the plan which was to transform the garage into an exercise studio, a storage area and a food service office.

Please give careful thought and consideration to helping fund this project that will make sure The Main Street Center is there for you and others to enjoy for years to come. Many people have limited funds but every dollar counts. We are people with generous hearts.

You and members of the community will soon be receiving a letter from the Tomorrow Project Campaign. Please consider joining me with a financial gift.

Sincerely,

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