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### **Dubuque Jaycees -Launch Capital Campaign for Jaycee Center**

The Dubuque Jaycees announce the launch of a \$400,000 capital campaign to purchase and renovate a facility located on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Iowa to serve as The Jaycee Center. The property, located in the heart of Dubuque and formerly occupied by Chuck 'n' Jo's Restaurant, will provide a permanent space for the chapter to hold board of directors meetings, membership meetings, socials, and professional development events. Remaining funds from the campaign will be used to establish an endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, which will provide a permanent source of income for the chapter to maintain the center.

The Jaycees have partnered with the Community Foundation to create a temporary project fund to assist with their fundraising efforts. "Our committees have been working very hard for many months on this project and are doing a fantastic job so far. We have now raised almost half of our total goal for the project. This project has been great for our committees because one of the major goals of our organization is to help people grow both personally and professionally, and this project is giving us an opportunity to do just that. Many of our members have never been a part of a capital campaign before, as the Jaycees are not an organization that usually asks for money. For many years we have been lucky enough to have some wonderful festival opportunities, which have helped provide the funds we need to enable our chapter to continue to provide the community projects that we are so proud of. We are very proud of how well our committees are doing and how much our members are growing from this experience," said Jason Fuller and Jenny Even, 2016 Dubuque Jaycees co-presidents.

For the Jaycees, this project is about more than owning a facility—it's about creating a new home. "Having a Jaycee Center gives us a place to call home. It's a place where members can meet to share ideas. It's a place where prospective members can stop in to learn more about our chapter and become a member. Having a Jaycee Center in the past allowed us to display and share our history with members and the Dubuque community. I was able to stay after meetings and get to know the membership. Some of these people have become my closest friends. Having a place to call home gives an added interest and investment in our community," said Lynn Stroffregen, Dubuque Jaycees past president and Jaycee Center honorary co-Chair.

The Jaycees organization is a worldwide community of young active citizens between the ages of 18-40 who share the belief that, in order to create positive change, they must take collective action to improve their community, the world, and themselves. The goal of the Jaycees is to provide leadership training through community service. The Dubuque Jaycees have impacted many community events

including: 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Fireworks, Haunted Forest, America's River Festival, Chili Cook-Off, Community Garden, Dubuque and All That Jazz, Hills and Dales Easter Egg Hunt, Hooley Hustle 5K, Sandbox Fill and Washington Park Christmas Decorating. In addition, the organization provides networking opportunities and the chance to build lasting, life-long friendships.

Community members can give online to the Dubuque Jaycees Center Fund at [www.dbqfoundation.org/give](http://www.dbqfoundation.org/give), or mail checks payable to CFGD/Dubuque Jaycee Center Fund to the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, 700 Locust Street, Suite 195, Dubuque, IA 52001.

For more information on the Dubuque Jaycees Center Project, visit [www.dubuquejaycees.org](http://www.dubuquejaycees.org), call the Jaycees at 563-583-5555 or contact the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque at 563-588-2700.