



Fresh from the Village Green

Taking Stock: Current assets of the Campaign For Kinship Village are:

- A team that works well together and has acquired the confidence and expertise to solicit gifts with confidence and sophistication;
- \$300,000 in pledges and gifts, with a challenge grant from the Kent H. Smith Foundation for another \$100,000;
- Strong support from the Board and Development Committee.
- Well developed, easy-to-use solicitation materials (**you can use them too, with family, friends and other contacts who might be sympathetic to this engaging, unique project – just ask!**)
- Initial design plans for the project, ready for further refinement; and
- Much more. We are on our way.

Current Focus: Nearly all of our effort is at present directed towards meeting the Kent H. Smith Foundation challenge. We need to raise a total of \$300,000, ear-marked for the development of architectural plans and specifications and for the remediation of asbestos and lead-based paint, by April in order to receive the \$100,000 challenge in matching funds that is at stake. Thanks to the generosity of individual donors we have so far raised \$60,000, leaving \$240,000 to find in

the next 60 days. That is a tall order. We have formal requests out to the Huntington, Park View, Key and National City banks and to the Lubrizol Foundation. And we will soon be approaching other banks, foundations, corporations and private individuals.

We need every bit of additional help that we can get if we are to meet this challenge, the importance of which is explained below. So please think whether you can help in this short time-frame, either by your own gift or by approaching others who may find this project appealing. We will do whatever we can to aid your endeavors.

Opening The Way Ahead: This challenge grant has importance beyond its (significant) monetary worth. The additional \$400,000 that this challenge will bring in will act as a catalyst to generate much greater amounts and to enable important preliminary work on the project. For example:

- When we meet this challenge we will not only have attained a significant goal in our capital campaign but will also be able, thereby, to demonstrate to

potential donors the serious interest that the funding community has in this project; and

- Fairhill can approach or return to a number of potentially substantial funders who like the concept of the Kinship Village project but will not support a capital campaign until fully developed architectural plans and specifications are submitted and/or a substantial portion of the total has been raised; and
- We can start at once to remove asbestos and to remediate lead-based paint from the two buildings that will form the core of Kinship Village. These essential preliminaries will allow us to gain a head start on the main refurbishment work – a further demonstration of our serious intent to complete this project promptly.

Address comments/enquiries about the Campaign to Michael C. Gathercole, Associate Director – at mcg@fairhillcenter.org or (216) 421-1350

Village Vignettes

*HELLO! – Welcome to the first Campaign **Brief** on Fairhill's Kinship Village, which will in future go to our Board Members, Campaign Donors and other Friends, on the last day of each month. This **Brief** will provide a succinct up-date on key developments related to the Campaign. We welcome your comments, suggestions – **and contributions!***

Fairhill has served Kinship Families in our community for over a decade. In this space, we plan to bring to you stories to illustrate the tremendous diversity and needs of the families who will populate the Village. And we shall bring you news of what is going on in the kinship care field, locally and nationally.

A couple of comments from the kinship population that we serve should allow you to judge for yourselves the value of our efforts on their behalf.
Kinship Village will reinforce these efforts immeasurably.

When the judge said Brittany could live with me or go into foster care, it was a no brainer. She had to come home with me, and we had to make it together. At Fairhill they understand Kinship Care - these social workers are here to really help, they understand a complicated system. - Diane Nash, raising an eleven year old.



Fairhill is all about people - a social worker called me every evening when she knew I needed support. A teacher at the school took my 9 year old grandson under her wing and gave him confidence, and a staff member at the front desk said “bring the kids in early and they can sit behind the desk with me.” - Yvonne Montgomery, raising five grandchildren ages 10-3.

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