



Newsletter

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Dear Friends

Since January, the White Bear Center for the Arts has continued to make progress toward a new, expansive, and permanent home to better serve the area's children, youth and adults. After last fall's successful fundraising drive for Phase One of the Capital Campaign, a number of events have taken place:

- the individual donors to Phase One of the Capital Campaign, who collectively committed almost \$400,000, have been kept informed of activities and issues related to the proposed new Center
- additional potential donors have been identified, including foundations, corporate giving programs, government entities, and additional individuals and families
- several exciting designs for the building are being reviewed by the WBCA Board of Directors and staff
- planning and organizing has begun for the recruitment of a strong and active Capital Campaign committee, made up of key business, community, and philanthropic leaders

The originally anticipated location for the new Center, the Boatworks/Marina site, may or may not ultimately be selected for our permanent new home. As the community knows, this is a complex site involving many challenges. While the WBCA is still considering the possibility of this site, a small number of other sites are also under consideration. The momentum created by our early donors and volunteers has given us great confidence and determination. The arts are essential to our children, our families and the cultural integrity and fabric of our community. As Victor Hugo said, "Perseverance is the secret of all triumphs." We won't let you down!

Peace,

Suzi Hudson
Executive Director