

Summary Case for Support The Fieldhouse – Nevada, Iowa

Nevada is a strong and vibrant community with excellent services for businesses and families to grow and thrive. The retail market is good, we have a strong industrial base, our hospital is newly renovated with first class care, and our school district is exceptional with updated and modern facilities. In addition, Nevada has been designated as a Main Street USA Community, has a major improvement project planned for the downtown business district, and is experiencing growth in both the West Industrial Park and East Business Park.

Over the past 20 years, the development of the SCORE Recreation/Athletic Complex has provided our community with a multi-use recreational footprint. We now have Fawcett Family Aquatic Center, soccer fields, 4-plex baseball/softball fields, a Pavilion, playgrounds, tennis courts, outdoor basketball court, high school baseball stadium, and an integrated hiking/biking trail system which connects to the Greenbelt Trail. The final component of this footprint is a year-round indoor recreational facility – The Fieldhouse.

The Fieldhouse will be an approximate 40,000 sq. ft. facility on the main floor with another 16,000 sq. ft. on the 2nd level that will be the most attractive indoor recreation facility in Story County. The Fieldhouse will be multi-functional, multi-purpose, and used for multi-generational activities and events. The building will house the following: gymnasium space, indoor play area, elevated walking/running track, flex-space court/turf area, batting cages, lobby/social space, multi-purpose area and parks and recreation offices. The Fieldhouse will be a program-based facility and offer activities and events according to needs within the community, all while not competing with services offered by private entities.

The Fieldhouse will be a vital component when attracting families to come live in Nevada and surrounding communities. Nevada and Eastern Story County residents will have better quality of life services and retain more of its citizens, because living here will be attractive from youth through adulthood. The Fieldhouse is sure to not only serve our current population, it will also be a draw for young families wanting to move to the area.

The Fieldhouse, as designed, is projected to cost \$7 Million. With \$4.5 Million already secured, additional private dollars are needed to complete the project. To support this project, charitable contributions, which can extend over a 5-year period will solidify the future of this project. Gifts can be made by cash, check, grain, stock, or real property. Pledges and payroll deductions will allow people to be as generous as they would like.

Each person has a stake in making the community, including Eastern Story County a better place in which to live. Support for this project through generous giving will help to improve the quality of life in Nevada and surrounding communities for generations to come. Completing this project, The Fieldhouse, will be the final exclamation point to a project 20 years in the making.