

“Campaign for Kids”...info and FAQ’s

The capital- development campaign of the Boys & Girls
Clubs of Whatcom County

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The latest news: We stand at approximately \$4.902M towards the \$5.0M “stretch” goal. This includes state grants, foundation giving, business gifts, in-kind and individual pledges and donations.

The CTED grants: The “Campaign for Kids” received notification of two grants from the State of Washington and the office of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) in 2007. These grants, co-authored by Ferndale Boys & Girls Club Branch Director Josh Wilund, were approved by the 2007 Legislature. Senator Dale Brandland carried the proposals on the Senate side, and Representative Kelli Linville led the effort on the House side. The Washington State Boys & Girls Club Alliance lobbied for the funding through the efforts of Scott Nelson and Bill Tsoukalas. These grants come with the requirements to build a new Ferndale Club at a LEED Silver level- of environmentally responsible construction. The two grants total \$1,063,000. Our thanks to everyone who made these grants possible, including Governor Christine Gregoire, State Senator Dale Brandland and State Representative Kelli Linville. Additionally, we received a CTED-BCF (Building Communities Fund) of \$752,847 from the 2009 Legislature.

FAQ’s:

What is the “Campaign for Kids?”

The “Campaign for Kids” is a capital-development fundraising campaign of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County. The total goal was \$4.5 million. The goal was stretched to \$5.0M to make sure adequate funding existed for challenge grants, Club projects and LEED requirements.

What will the campaign accomplish?

The “Campaign for Kids” will build a new Boys & Girls Club in Ferndale. The “old Club” burned on New Years Day 2007. It will also provide funds for building project opportunities at our other five Clubs (Bellingham, Blaine, Lummi Island and Lynden) and the Northwest Sports Complex. The Campaign will also contribute funds to our Foundation’s endowment, as well as cover campaign costs and contingencies/opportunities that may arise.

When will the campaign take place?

The Feasibility Study took place from October 06 to March 07, conducted by the Alford Group of Seattle, and overseen by a 22 member oversight committee co-chaired by Elie Samuel (owner, Samuel’s Furniture) and Terri McKee (CEO, Industrial Credit Union). We are now in the quiet phase (Board, internal and major prospects), which runs from September 07 through January 08. A campaign cabinet was formed again co-chaired by Elie and Terri, to oversee that portion of the Campaign. We hoped to achieve 30-50% of goal during the quiet phase and exceeded our goal. The public phase, or community campaign, is being overseen by a steering committee and will take place from September 08 until completion. A ceremonial groundbreaking event was held September 23, 2008. The Campaign will formally end January 31, 2010. However, pledge collections will continue into 2011.

Who are the campaign leaders?

The ultimate decision maker of the “Campaign for Kids” is the Corporate Board of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County. The campaign manager is Lynn James Templeton, Executive Director/CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County. Katherine Freimund is the data administrator and Barbara Martin is the Controller. The Campaign Steering Committee—made up of Board members from the Corporate, Ferndale and Governors Boards- and its two honorary chairs, Kathey Chambers and Rick Staeb, are our “ground troops” for the community campaign. Mary Wilson and Larry Hoffman are the co-chairs of the Ferndale community campaign.

Who is responsible for the Ferndale building project?

Our Construction Team is in place: Chair- Dick Skeers (owner, Skeers Construction) and members Josh Wilund (Branch Director Ferndale Boys & Girls Club), Greg Ebe (principal, Reichhardt and Ebe, civil engineers), Chet Lackey (managing partner, attorney, Belcher, Swanson, Lackey et al-- legal), Mark Pottle (General Contractor, Pottle and Sons Construction) and Lynn Templeton (Executive Director/CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County). Douglas Landsem, AIA is the architect. Alistair Jackson is the LEED architect. Reichhardt and Ebe are the civil engineers. John Daniels is the project

manager. Ken Kok is the electrical engineer. Ken Gaston is the structural engineer. Gary Benson is the mechanical designer. Ebby Sabbagh is the technology consultant.

Is there a timeline for the Ferndale project?

We are currently working with the following timeline, dependent upon multiple variables: The new Ferndale Club will be located in the City's Pioneer Park on the corner of Second and Cherry Streets. We now have all concept and architectural drawings. Construction documents are also complete. Pottle and Sons is the general contractor. Pre construction, soils engineering and clearing and grading began in late October of 08. The building permit was received in June 09. Construction began in July 09. With 8-10 months of construction, the proposed 21,100sf facility is slated to open for kids in June of 2010.

What are the other Club projects?

The Bellingham Club's project is complete- purchase of a mini bus for their transportation program. The athletic department purchased a new Gator tractor for the Northwest Fields Complex. The other Branch Directors and Branch Boards are determining their projects now.