



Elmwood Cultural Arts Learning Center

How Can You Help?

(Site: Prairie Technology Solutions Building, 221 S. 4th Street, Elmwood, Nebraska)

Objective: To serve as a learning and cultural arts center for Elmwood while providing long-term preservation of the community's historical artifacts with special emphasis on the life and works of Bess Streeter Aldrich and the Grand Army of the Republic Veterans' Hall.

Owners: Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation and American Legion Post #247 (eventually, a community foundation will be formed)

Background: The Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation and G.A.R. Veterans Museum have developed strategies to assure their long-term status in the community. A conversation with architect Rick Hawks about the possible construction of a new building located on the empty lot next to the G.A.R. Hall ultimately resulted in a suggestion to look at the Prairie Solutions Technology building which was purchased in August 2020.

Tenant(s): Much of the potential success of this venture is dependent on finding the right tenants for the three office spaces The Village of Elmwood has agreed to be the primary tenants and will maintain the building. Two other tenants will be sought.

What do we like about this building?

- Ideal Main Street Exposure with Adequate Parking
- Completely Remodeled in 2016
- Welcoming Professional Space
- Access to Common Space (kitchenette, board room, and entryway)
- Large Walk-In Vault
- Long-term Potential with Minimal Interruption to Tenants as Improvements Are Made
- Latest Security and Technological Advances
- Central Air and Heat

Future Goals for the Building

- Phase I—Raise Funds for the Building, Operating the Existing Building "As Is" with Minimal Modifications (Handicap Accessibility)
- Phase II—Develop plans for Renovation of the Storage Space in the Back to Accommodate Exhibits related to Elmwood's History, Bess Streeter Aldrich, G.A.R. Hall, and a Genealogy Research Space
- Phase III—Eliminate the Back Office and Merge with Existing Board Room to Create Larger Board Room/Classroom (Approximately 20 students at tables and/or 40 students with theater seating)

Are you ready to join us and do something exciting for the village of Elmwood? How Can You Help?

(Check all that apply)

Financial Assistance

_____ Lump Sum Gift, Amount \$ _____/Date? _____

Note: All gifts will be recognized in a ledger

_____ Pledge Gift; I agree to provide a gift at the following intervals:

_____ amount every _____ month/quarter/year

_____ Patriotic Brick Wall Display

_____ Shooting Stars, 8 x 8" Brick, \$5,000 Donation

_____ Waving Stripes, 8 x 8" Brick, \$1,000 Donation

_____ Standard Brick, 4 x 8", \$250 Donation

_____ Other Funding Opportunities

_____ Naming of the Genealogy Studies Area, \$10,000

_____ Recognition Plaques, \$1,000/Display Case (14 Available)

_____ Recognizing the Learning Center with Your Memorials/Bequests

_____ Loan (Interest Free or Nominal Percentage up to 1.5 percent)

_____ amount; _____ years



Non-Financial Assistance

_____ Coordinate Fundraisers or Help with Brick Project (Write Thank You Notes)

_____ Serve as a Tour Guide/Museum Assistant; Help with Building Upkeep

_____ Create Publicity and/or Help with Social Media

_____ Create Exhibits/Displays or Teach Classes

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number & Email _____

Comments/Questions?

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