

Changing Lives - Building A Community

Capital Campaign Update
Winter 2018



Dear all,

As we prepare to embrace the joys of the holiday season, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to all of you, our extended Cushing Family. We so appreciate all you do to support our mission throughout the year, and we of course would like to extend an extra special thank you for helping us raise an incredible \$9.34 million towards our *Changing Lives - Building A Community Capital Campaign* to fund a new MarketPlace building. This building will provide employment training to Cushing students, job opportunities to adults with disabilities, and a shopping destination for people of all abilities.

Since I last wrote to you with an update over the summer, I am pleased to report that we received another gift from the Roessner Family Foundation, doubling their original pledge to our campaign. Several other individuals and businesses have increased their support to help us get that much closer to our goal. Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity and belief in our project.

We were so fortunate to be introduced to a new group of supporters at a cultivation event hosted by Mary Wheeler Grape and Tom Grape at Black Rock Country Club last month. It was a wonderful night full of energy and enthusiasm for our mission, and we are so thankful to Mary and Tom for their very generous support of our campaign, and for helping us share our mission and vision with their friends and colleagues.

In anticipation of having a new building with larger and more modern space for our retail shops and supporting classrooms, we are really hitting the pavement to get the word out about our Cushing businesses, a charge led by our very own Campaign Chair, Jody Nash. Jody has taken on the role of MarketPlace Business Developer as we prepare to launch into our new space. One of Jody's successful endeavors so far was a fabulous Tent Sale that coincided with our annual Harvest Festival for families, sponsored by Keller Williams Realty of Hanover. Jody was accompanied by two star volunteers, Jill Setian and Kathy Mulhall.



Jody, Kathy and Jill at the Tent Sale



New staff parking spots

To prepare us for the construction phase of the MarketPlace Building, when we will lose some of the parking spots in our main lot off of Route 53, we have created a new parking lot for our Cushing employees, adjacent to the Leonard Florence Education Center.

Speaking of construction, the shovel will indeed hit the ground in the spring of 2019 as planned. In addition to being up-to-date with our pledges, Century Bank has approved a construction loan that will allow us to move forward with making our project a reality. This loan will be paid back in full as we continue to receive payment on everyone's generous pledges to the campaign

over the next few years.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you and working together to reach our final campaign goal!

Warmly,

Handwritten signature of Jansi D. Chandler in cursive.

Jansi D. Chandler
Vice President of Development

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