

Project Summary

The tax credits have been issued to complete the final leg of fundraising for our Community Events Center on our campus. The project will remodel the oldest, and currently unusable, building on our campus. It will be open for public programming/events (60% usage expected), as well as for our campus events (40% usage). Construction will begin once all tax credits are distributed.

Why is this project important?

In urban Kansas City, Kansas, there are not enough public spaces for community and non-profit groups. The new event center will double Donnelly's event programming space and increase our ability to serve our community.

Donnelly believes providing additional event space on our college campus is critical to expanding exposure and predisposition to college for thousands more Kansas citizens. (In our immediate vicinity, the Bachelor Degree attainment rate is just 12%.) Because 85% of Donnelly College students are the first in their family to attend college, we know the impact of college education in transforming one's life.

Donnelly's convenient location, 60-year commitment to Kansas City, Kansas, express mission to improve college degree attainment for those most underserved, and federal designation as both a Hispanic- and Minority-Serving Institution make it an ideal location for a new Community Events Center.

Partners: This 200-person-capacity center will be used by Donnelly and the College's growing number of partners, including the Unified Government, Kaufman Scholars, KU Gear Up, Kansas City Kansas Public Schools, YMCA Young Achievers, Donnelly's Summer Transportation & Science Academy, Money Smart month Financial Education programming with the Federal Reserve Bank, and many others.

Event Center Features (that do not exist in our current public meeting space): A catering kitchen, a separate entrance and visitor drop-off, separate bathrooms, state-of-the-art technology.

About Donnelly

Donnelly College is a private, Catholic College in the heart of Kansas City, Kansas. Our mission is to make the love of God tangible in our world by promoting college access and student success – thereby transforming lives, places and spirits. We do this by keeping tuition within reach – just under \$6,000 this year – and creating a campus environment that promotes student success, exceeding the national averages for retention, graduation and transfer rates. Most of our outstanding student body comprises low-income, students of color, and first-generation college-goers.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, Donnelly is proud that we live Bishop George Donnelly's wishes for the College upon its founding in 1949: "to make it possible for the youth of Kansas City and its vicinity to obtain a Catholic college education without needless expense."