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Center Kicks Off Drive; Needs \$35,000 To Operate

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The Farmington Community Center needs to raise \$35,000 to operate during 1971. Your check may be written out to the Farmington Community Center and mailed to The Center at 24705 Farmington Rd., Farmington 48024.

The Farmington Community Center has kicked off its 1971 fund-raising drive with its board of directors announcing a goal of \$35,000.

A large group of community leaders attended a dinner Tuesday night in the Center to hear a report on what the Center has done and plans to continue doing once the money is raised.

DR. ROBERT DOUGLAS, chairman of the Center's 21-member board, began the program with a special welcome to Mrs. Elton Spicer, a member of the Luman Goodenough family which donated the Goodenough mansion and grounds to the community.

The home, built in 1869, and the beautiful five-acre wooded grounds were given to the Farmington community in 1968.

The only provision to the gift was the community had to raise \$50,000 to restore and refurbish the home. The first money drive saw more than \$50,000 collected by the deadline of April 30, 1969.

The first chairman of the board was John Allen who provided able leadership for that first year which was devoted primarily to restoring the building and grounds.

William Smith, chairman of the board last year, provided his administrative talents to help get the Center organized with the newly-hired administrator developing a program.

LAST YEAR, the community contributed \$19,000 to the Center during the fund-raising drive.

Walter McCoy, ways and means chairman, reports the classes offered at the Center contributed \$10,000 income and \$5,700 from rentals to organizations for meetings and to individuals for wedding receptions.

Last year, the board had to borrow \$20,000 from the original \$50,000 raised in 1969 in order to complete capital improvements such as the \$12,000 spent for the parking lot.

Capital improvements needed this year, McCoy says, include: a new furnace before winter; expansion of the parking lot; carpeting for the dining room, Green Room and upstairs hallways; heat and electrical connections for the dining room porch; a projector, curtains and micro-film equipment.

Next week, McCoy adds, the Center will be mailing 15,000 letters to community leaders

and residents requesting donations. The Center hopes to raise between \$15,000 and \$20,000 during the March-April fund-raising drive.

THE FARMINGTON City Council at its last meeting adopted a resolution proclaiming March as Farmington Community Center Month.

At Tuesday's dinner, Mayor Wilbur Brotherton praised the Center's accomplishments and many services to the community. Similar sentiments were echoed by Farmington Township board member Margaret Schaeffer on behalf of the township.

Other fund-raising projects designed to raise about \$20,000 during 1971 include: a geranium sale and flea market on May 14, 15, 16; the annual dinner dance on April 30; and an antique show during the Farmington Founders Festival July 29, 30, 31.

Orders for geraniums at a reduced price can be placed with Center board members. Delivery will be made during the flea market.

DR. DOUGLAS, who this year has led the Center's expansion of programs and activities, commented that only two other communities in Michigan have centers which are fully supported by residents, Birmingham and Grosse Pointe.

The Center must "provide social, cultural and recreational activities for the community that are not fulfilled by other institutions," Douglas said.

Mrs. Alberta Taylor, the Center's executive director, Continued on Page 4A



PATRON'S PLAQUE — Displaying the patron's plaque which was unveiled Tuesday night in the Farmington Community Center are (from left) William Smith, Dr. Robert Douglas and John Allen. Inscribed are the names of donors giving \$250 or more to the Center. (Evert photo)



BIG BENEFIT — Mike Chapman (left) and Tom Goers served the wild game dinner March 2 in Mike & Tom's Pub of Farmington Township for the benefit of the March of Dimes. The sixth annual dinner raised \$3,001 (Evert photo)

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The Farmington Community Center is not a dream but a three-year reality, and real things must be fed and nurtured to exist and grow.

A three-year-old baby can be weaned, but the Farmington Community Center still must be nursed by its parents, the 60,000 residents of the greater Farmington Area.

THE CENTER, a private organization without the support of government, operates its full program solely on the generous contributions of the Farmington residents who use this community facility.

Last year, the center spent more than \$75,000 with thousands of residents receiving bonus returns from the investments they made during last year's fund-raising drive.

For 1971, \$35,000 is needed for the center to continue being the kind of institution the community desires.

NEWS STORIES in this edition carry a full account of what the Center has done for the community. For the past three years, more than 20,000 persons have used the center. You probably were one of these.

Read what the Center had done and then decide what it can do for you. Your contribution is needed because it is YOUR COMMUNITY CENTER.

The Center needs your contribution and should receive it because YOU need the center. Others cannot be counted on. You can be.

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