



Arts & Events Center

The Armory Arts & Events Center

P.O. Box 163

Park Rapids, MN 56470

December 14, 2020

Dear Community Donor,

After many years of planning, the City of Park Rapids purchased the Armory in May of 2020 through a grant provided by the state of MN. The Armory Arts & Events Center Board's vision for the future of the Armory, strives to enhance the quality of life and vitality of the entire Heartland Lakes community.

In order for the us to achieve this vision, there are still a number of capital improvements the Armory Arts & Events Center Board believes need to happen. The most urgent need is the installation of telescopic seating on the main floor providing comfortable, flexible seating to host a variety of events.

As with most organizations, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused major disruptions to our operations. As a board, we intended to kick off fundraising this fall with social events and tours of the armory. Now, to ensure everyone's safety, we'd like to extend an invitation to you to view a short video at [parkrapidsarmory.org](http://parkrapidsarmory.org) and learn more about our vision and plans for the Armory, to entice you in supporting our initial capital fundraising campaign.

In this season of giving, we are asking for donations of \$500 a "Chair" for telescopic seating over a five-year period. Your gift can make a meaningful difference to the Armory Arts & Events Center and all the organizations in this community that are waiting in the wings for the Armory to once again open the doors for large and small events in 2021! With your generous contribution, we will be able to improve this unique venue that will enrich our community for many years to come. To donate, please include a check in the self-addressed envelope enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Kjenaas, at [jkjenaas@hrdc.org](mailto:jkjenaas@hrdc.org) or by calling her at (218) 237-3722.

With appreciation,

Denny Ulmer

President

*"The arts give us our identity as a community; they also draw new people, fresh visions and renewable economic opportunity to our community."*

Gavin Newsom