

Spencer-Penn Centre



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Dear Alumni, Neighbors and Friends of Spencer-Penn,

For more than 83 years, Spencer-Penn has been the heart of our community. From a high school, to an elementary school, to its current status as an educational and special event center, Spencer-Penn has provided a place for people of all ages to learn, grow, and evolve both intellectually and socially.

Spencer-Penn is committed to providing a first-class facility capable of handling its community's wants and needs. This commitment has earned it a reputation as an award-winning facility for making a significant contribution to an historic area in Virginia.

With this success and growth come both challenges and opportunities, and Spencer-Penn needs your help to make sure we are prepared to meet them. If we are to continue to serve the people of this community, our phenomenal growth in programs and rentals must be matched by enhanced technology, facilities, and staff recruitment. We must begin preparing for the future now.

Even as Spencer-Penn's potential and vision increase, outside funding has decreased. In upcoming years, we hope unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund will make up the difference between what Spencer-Penn receives for the many services it offers and what it actually costs to keep Spencer-Penn open and operating. Gifts through the Annual Fund will help replace this missing income so that we may meet the ever changing needs of the community and continue to open our doors to our neighbors and friends.

Perhaps the biggest financial challenge is the recruitment of professional, salaried staff. For the past six years a group of devoted, unpaid volunteers led by Mary Jordan have worked tirelessly to make the dream of Spencer-Penn Centre a reality. Individuals and businesses have donated money and materials because they also believed in this dream.

Mary has worked 24/7, given heart, soul, blood, sweat, tears, and at least one broken arm to the creation of Spencer-Penn Centre. Now she needs all her strength to devote that same kind of energy to her family. And while Mary and all those hardworking volunteers will be involved in sustaining this magnificent facility, the time has come to hire a professional director to take Spencer-Penn to the next level.

Spencer-Penn Centre has reached a point where professional staff is not only necessary, but vital to continued growth and operational stability. Depending on the kindness of unpaid volunteers for such an important position and responsibility is a luxury we can no longer afford. But this necessary expense will increase the operating budget by a significant amount.

If you are a regular donor, we thank you for your continued support. If you have not given to Spencer-Penn in a while, we hope you'll consider giving again. In doing so, you will know the joy of giving to this special place called Spencer-Penn. Your donation *will* make a difference.

Although every gift makes an impact, some of our donors are able to support Spencer-Penn with substantial gifts. The Wall of Honor is the name given to our community of generous benefactors who demonstrate leadership and commitment to Spencer-Penn through annual gifts of \$300 or greater. A plaque with these benefactors' names will be displayed in the front 1927 foyer.

WALL OF HONOR	
LEVELS OF SUPPORT:	
\$300-\$599	Elementary Level
\$600-\$1,199	Freshman Level
\$1,200-\$1,799	Sophomore Level
\$1,800-\$2,399	Junior Level
\$2,400+	Senior Level

Gifts to the Annual Fund are welcome at any time of year, whether by cash or check. Please contact our office, any Board member or Fundraising Committee member for a full range of giving opportunities. We are always eager to hear from you. Spencer-Penn is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all gifts made to Spencer-Penn are tax-deductible.

We have enclosed a pledge card that you can return indicating your intentions. On behalf of those who will benefit from your commitment, thank you for your consideration for 2011.

Sincerely,

James E. Purcell, President

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