



WALKER AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

Annual Report

To the Walker Area Community:

The Walker Area Community Center continues to be an integral part of Walker and the surrounding communities. The WACC is a gathering place for all ages; we offer group fitness, recreational activities, fitness center, hockey, curling, Boys and Girls Club, Walker Rotary, Just for Kix and Tae Kwon Do just to name a few.

This July the community center will be celebrating its 10th anniversary. So much has happened during the past 10 years - memberships have increased, new programs have been created and new partnerships have been made. We are grateful to have supportive individuals, businesses and groups that volunteer their time, sponsor our events and make monetary donations that are critical to center. We thank you all for your ongoing support of the WACC.

There are a lot of positives at the community center, but there is also a lot of work that needs to be done. The community center currently carries has a debt of \$1.6 million; this debt is a burden to the center, capital improvements and the daily operations. As many of you know, this is not new and it is something that we no longer plan on sweeping under the rug. To improve the center we must improve the relationships we have and pursue new ones.

The WACC board is determined to address this head on and to work diligently to reduce the debt, raise funds for capital improvements and to move forward with a balanced budget. We can't do it alone, we need your help.

We will be educating our members, partners and community on the financial position of the WACC; and we will be working with advisors and consultants who will aid us in reviewing and improving our fundraising plan and operations. With their help we will pursue additional support, programming and partners to improve the financial stability of the community center.

Over the past 10 years I have been fortunate enough to meet many people who use the facility on a daily basis, have been visitors to our community for hockey tournaments, events or here on a family vacation. I have learned something from each and every one of them.

Gretchen Gribbin, Director

The Walker Area Community Center (WACC) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that was established in 2000 in response to a need to provide a safe and healthy environment for youth and the broader community in way that improve our overall wellness and strengthen our local economies. The WACC was completed in 2007. The WACC was built with a variety of donations; and day-to-day operations are currently supported by memberships, partnerships and donations. The WACC serves an area contiguous with the boundaries of School District 113, roughly 25 miles in any direction from the hub of Walker. Currently, the WACC has over 75,000 user visits annually by people who utilize the gymnasium, fitness center, meeting spaces, and our civic arena. We have established effective collaborations with a wide range of civic and recreational partners to address issues focused with impoverished communities. This is accomplished by providing adult programs, fitness and sports, youth programming, and meeting and gathering spaces.

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Mission:

To provide civic, cultural, educational and recreational opportunities for the purpose of balance and healthy communities.

Strategic Goals: *The WACC is a dynamic and important part of this community. It provides important services and opportunities for young people, adults, retirees, part time residents, full time residents and visitors. It is important that we find ways to ensure the financial health of the Center. This is our biggest challenge. It is through constant attention to this issue that solutions will be found. The WACC has tremendous support from families, civic organizations, sporting organizations, volunteers and individual members. It will be through the hard work and dedication of these people and groups that the WACC will continue to be able to provide the programs that the community has come to depend on.*

2016 Financial Statements

Balance Sheet December 31, 2016

Assets	44,789.38
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	(242,586.00)
Property & Equipment	4,316,137.55
Other Assets	
BGC Obligation	<u>114,000.00</u>
Total Assets	4,232,340.93
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	3,274.48
Long Term Liabilities	<u>1,741,873.92</u>
Total Liabilities	1,772,565.31
Equity	<u>2,475,393.32</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	4,247,958.63

Statement of Income & Expense 2016

Rounded to nearest \$100.00

Support & Revenue	
Events	80,000.00
Contributions	83,000.00
Operating	<u>181,200.00</u>
Total Income	344,200.00
Expense	
Events	39,000.00
Facility	150,200.00
General Administrative	<u>134,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	323,200.00
Profit/Loss	21,000.00

Excludes debt service.

Capital Improvements

Below is a list of capital improvements that has been created to specify areas of the facility that need updating, a portion of our fundraising efforts will be designated to these projects. If there is a project that would like to learn more about please call Gretchen at 218.547.1853.

Parking Lot	\$125,000
Landscaping/Excavating	\$20,000
Wall Repair	\$2,500
Entry Update	\$12,000
Arena Updates	\$35,000
Fitness Center Updates	\$100,000
Rotary Room Updates	\$8,000
Hallway Improvements	\$3,000
Outdoor Equipment	\$1,000

2016 Contributors

Dorothy Opheim
Underwood Family Foundation
Marlys Frank
Steamboat River Township
Shingobee Township
Walker Rotary Club
Leech Lake Walleye Tournament
Enbridge
Phyllis Matthews
Mitch & Mara Loomis
Walker Pickleball Club
Sanford Health
John & Vicki Elsenpeter
Mike & Karla Elsenpeter
First National Bank
Gary Kenning
Don & Darryl Carlson

Any omissions were unintentional. Please contact us if your name was inadvertently left off our donor list.

Programs, Services & Partnerships

Programs: The WACC provides adult fitness programs including aerobic classes, strength training and personal training services in the fitness center and adult recreational programs such as volleyball, basketball and pickleball in the gym. Most of these activities are available to the community at a low or very reasonable cost.

Services: The WACC provides a wide range of services to the local community and is listed below. Many of these services are not available to the community in any other location.

- Fitness Center and Gymnasium (432 members)
- Ice Arena & Outdoor Rink (over 1,000 visitors)
- Rotary Meeting Room
- Ringle Library
- Room Rentals

Community Center Partnerships: The WACC sustains on-site programming partnerships with civic, recreational, sport and youth groups, including the organizations below:

- Boys and Girls Club Walker Unit (192 members)
- Walker Youth Hockey Association (75 participants)
- Walker Curling Club (125 participants)
- Rotary International (55 members locally)
- SilverSneakers Program (81 members)
- Silver N Fit Program (48 members)
- Just for Kix Dance Program (129 participants)
- Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts (40 participants)
- Leech Lake Gaming Fitness Program (35 members)
- WHA ALP Program (15 students)