

## Campaign hits halfway mark

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CLINTON — The Rotary Club of Clinton’s “Celebrate our Heritage, Invest in our Future” campaign to raise \$1 million to renovate the Eagle Point Park Lodge is over halfway to its goal thanks to great endorsements and community support.

The Rotary Club of Clinton-led project to renovate the 1930s built Eagle Point Park Lodge announced this week that it has raised over \$538,000 so far and still anticipates getting to \$1 million by July 1. Dedicated Rotarians picked this project and set the lofty, but attainable, goal as a way to give back to the community in celebration of the Rotary Club of Clinton’s 100 years of service.

“We wanted to celebrate our 100th anniversary by doing something remarkable and bigger than normal to show our gratitude to the community for their support the past 100 years. We couldn’t think of a better way of giving back then making sure one of the area’s treasures stands tall for 100 more years,” said Kellie Hillis, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clinton and campaign co-chairwoman.

The fund-raising campaign, which started seeking funding the beginning of April, has been endorsed by numerous local groups including the Chamber of Commerce, Clinton Convention & Visitors Bureau, Clinton Regional Development Corp. and the Lyons Business Group.

The Eagle Point Park Lodge was built in the 1930s by WPA workmen. There have been some additions and upgrades since then, but with crumbling walls, outdated fixtures and increased usage the lodge is in need of some improvements. The \$1 million renovation includes leveling out the entrances and updating the bathrooms for ADA compliance, creating a grand entrance with lodge feel that can accommodate buses, expanding the veranda on the river side to allow for outdoor event space, aesthetic interior and exterior improvements plus the addition of a small meeting/bridal room.

If you’d like to contribute to the “Celebrate our Heritage, Invest in our Future” campaign, mail a check to Gateway Area Foundation, Box 1024, Clinton, IA 52732 or email [epplodgeproject@gmail.com](mailto:epplodgeproject@gmail.com).