

Ames Swimming and Aquatic Facilities Endowment

Goal:

The Ames Community School District is interested in building a 25 x 33 yard “stretch” competitive swimming pool, with two one meter diving boards and seating for five hundred spectators that will be located with Ames High School. The new pool will be the home of the Ames High girls and boys swimming and diving teams. In addition, the local USA Swimming Club called Ames Cyclone Aquatics Club (ACAC) will be the secondary user of the new pool. This proposed pool will provide Ames High School and ACAC with improved training opportunities and allows for membership growth of the teams and club.

Challenge:

The current pool facility, which is over 50 years-old, continues to decline and is the source of many potential health issues for youth swimmers and adults that are exposed to its environment on a daily basis. Currently, there are no other indoor aquatic options available for the Ames community. The Ames community is long overdue for a new competitive swimming and diving facility. The Ames community needs a modern, environmentally friendly facility that can be used for aquatics.

Solution:

A new facility and important educational opportunities for swimmers will only occur with the help of those in our community who are interested in philanthropically supporting the Ames Swimming and Aquatic Facilities Endowment.

The Ames Community School District has challenged ACAC to establish an endowment to provide assurance of the long-term viability of a new pool and as a precursor to its approval of plans to move forward in building a new pool. ACAC has partnered with the Story County Community Foundation to create a permanent **Ames Swimming and Aquatic Facilities Endowment Fund**. ACAC is leading a fundraising campaign with a goal of \$1 million. In order for the Ames Community School District to take the next steps in planning for the new pool, ACAC needs gift commitments of \$600,000 by December 18, 2017.

The vision of the endowment is to ensure the long-term growth and success of swimming in Ames. Funds generated from the endowment will provide a permanent reserve to support the operations of a new school district swimming pool. In addition, the earnings from the endowment will be used to provide scholarships to student athletes who participate in Ames High School and club swim teams, ensure the pool has state of the art equipment, provide training space for swimmers outside of the pool and bring new aquatic opportunities to the community.

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