



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER
2016 GND Development Alliance Annual Report



We are proud to publish our first annual report focused on the transformation and revitalization of the Gary New Duluth Community Center and Recreation Area. (GND REC)

The GND Development Alliance was formed to facilitate construction of:

- **the GND REC—the rebranded recreation center located in Gary New Duluth formerly known as the Shack**
- **new recreation facilities**



OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to providing a place to be used by members of the community for social, cultural, learning and recreation purposes.



WE VALUE

- **our community and each of its members**
- **education, physical activity and our environment**
- **those who promote positive actions and give back to our community**
- **the opportunity to have fun as we promote services in our community and strong personal relationships between its members**



WE SERVE

Children through seniors are a vital part of the programming, as well as structured and unstructured activities, offered at GND REC, like:

- after school activities
- monthly Children's Museum activities
- Soup Luncheon
- yoga, Pilates, Zumba and senior low impact exercise classes
- I Love to Read event
- Animal Allies event
- Youth Symphony concert
- bike rodeo
- outdoor event in conjunction with UMD
- St. Patrick's Day event
- children's holiday party and caroling

Many more activities will be available to community members as we complete Phase II of our exciting project in the heart of the St. Louis River Corridor.

Making it Happen—Phase I

As progress has been made, hope has been instilled throughout the community that our plans are becoming reality. Since the inception of the GND REC project, with help from volunteers, the private sector, unions, foundations and city government, we have constructed, remodeled or installed:

- extreme makeover of the community center
- a 551 foot, six inch water line with hydrant
- a new, large concrete walled storage building
- drain piping and a 30 inch culvert to address drainage issues
- a new open air pavilion
- a sprinkler system
- a rain garden and added landscaping
- a new parking lot
- sports turf on new soccer fields and open play areas
- a baseball backstop for pick-up games

Exciting 2017 Plans—Phase II

We ignited the spark and the flame is burning. This year, we will be focused on:

- **completing the construction of the dog park**
- **creating a community garden with raised beds**
- **building a community sports court, which will include basketball, tennis and pickle ball courts, as well as space for 4-square and hopscotch**

The dog park has been cleared and is ready for fencing. The community garden and sports court area will require the existing blacktop pad to be removed so that construction can take place.



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Our success has been made possible as a result of contributions from individuals, corporations, unions, foundations and the City of Duluth. In-kind contributions have also been made by skilled trades people who live in the community, come from the private sector and from unions. The contributors listed on the following pages are an essential component to our success. We couldn't have achieved our success without you.

You Can Help

We estimate the cost for completion of Phase II of this important community project to be more than \$200,000. We can't do it alone and ask you to support us in any way you can. We're asking for:

- **monetary support**
- **volunteers**
- **materials**
- **skilled trades personnel**

If you would like to get involved please contact us at 218-464-1930, visit our webpage at gnd.community or fill out and mail our form at the end of this report.



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