

Josephy Center campaign



Fundraising begins for two-phase project

By Bill Bradshaw

JOSEPH — The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture publicly launched the “Key to Our Future” capital campaign Wednesday, Jan. 13, to purchase, renovate and expand the building located on 403 Main St. in Joseph, according to a press release.

The campaign is focused on making the Josephy Center a permanent home for arts and culture in Wallowa County, as well as restoring and expanding the center to enhance visitor experience and fit the growing needs of the community.

The fundraising campaign is set up in phases: Phase 1 focuses on the building purchase, which the center does not now own. It also includes critical safety repairs and accessibility for all.

Phase 2 focuses on the renovation and expansion of the building.

“We don’t exactly know what’s that going to look like,” Development Director Kellee Sheehy said of potential expansion.

The goal of the first phase is to raise \$575,000 by this summer. Support from local patrons combined with funding from the Ronald Naito Foundation, the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, the

Autzen Foundation and the Oregon Cultural Trust, the campaign has made progress toward reaching that goal — but community support is sought to raise another \$50,000. Business sponsorships and resident participation in fundraisers are crucial to the success of the campaign, the release stated.

The Murdock Foundation has offered to match all community donations (e.g., a \$200 donation would become \$400) up to \$50,000.

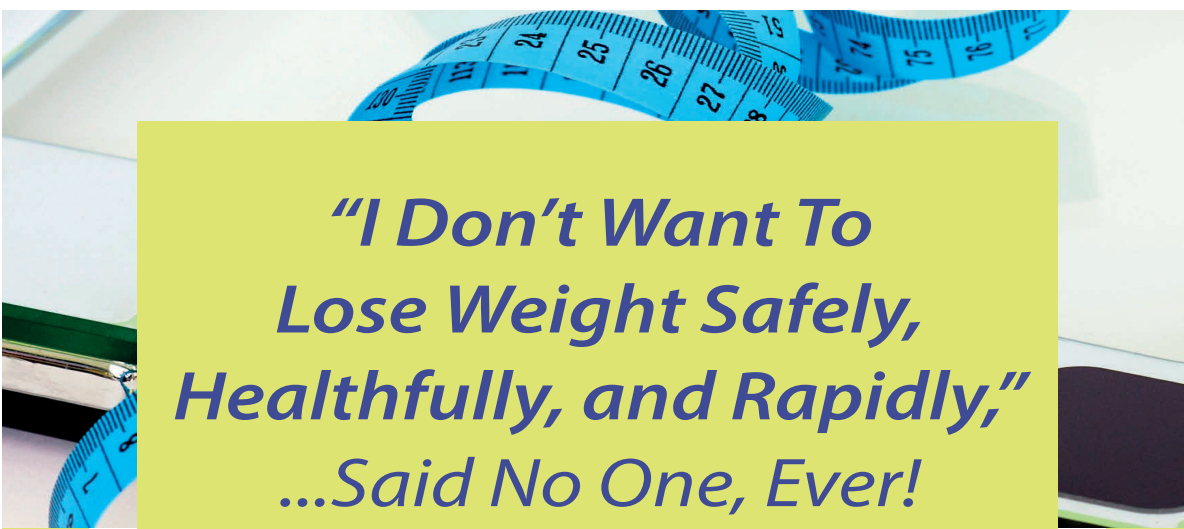
Upon purchase of the building, a long-time patron of the Josephy Center has promised \$100,000 toward an endowment to help maintain the building for years to come.

“The support we’ve seen already — especially during a year like 2020 — shows what we can do when we all pull together,” Sheehy said.

Phase 2 will increase functionality, accessibility and programming.

“We have a long wish list of what we’d like to do,” she said. “We just have to see what the public wants and what’s within our budget. We’re excited to involve the public and hear their ideas.”

To donate to the campaign, visit the website at josephy.org or mail a check to P.O. Box 949, Joseph, OR 97846.



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