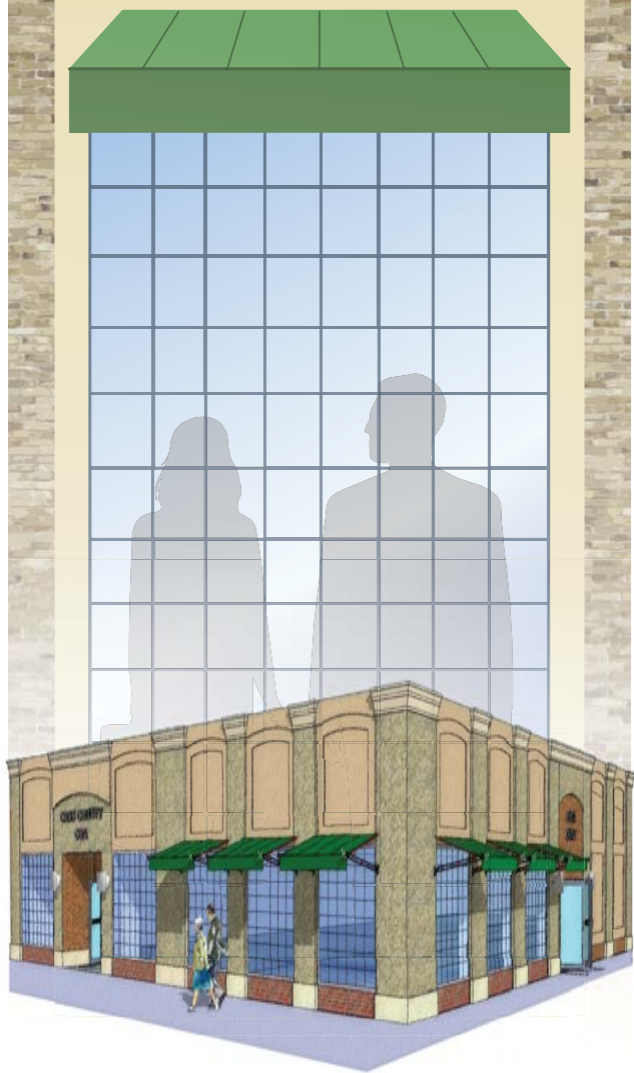


# Your Dowagiac Senior Center



# Programming to build upon

We currently offer the following senior programs in Dowagiac at First United Methodist Church:

- Congregate Meals – Monday and Wednesday
- Vim & Vigor Aerobics – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- S.E.A.T. (Sit, Exercise, & Tone) Fitness – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- Brain Aerobics – second Tuesday of each month
- Bingo – Mondays and Wednesdays

The new Dowagiac Senior Center will enable the COA to expand and add to these programs, offering a location where older adults can gather daily for fitness, socialization, nutrition, and education.



# The Need is Now

The Cass County Council on Aging has been fortunate to provide community supported programming available in Dowagiac since 1994. We have met ever-increasing demand for programs and services in the area, all while working in rented and borrowed space.

Many host organizations have gone out of their way to accommodate our seniors, and for that we are very appreciative. But our search for a long-term permanent location was ongoing.

In late 2010, the COA was fortunate to acquire a property at 227 S. Front Street. We plan to remodel this property to create a multipurpose Dowagiac Senior Center to serve the community for generations to come.

We are currently conducting a capital campaign to raise \$350,000. After this phase is completed, we will draw up final plans and begin construction.

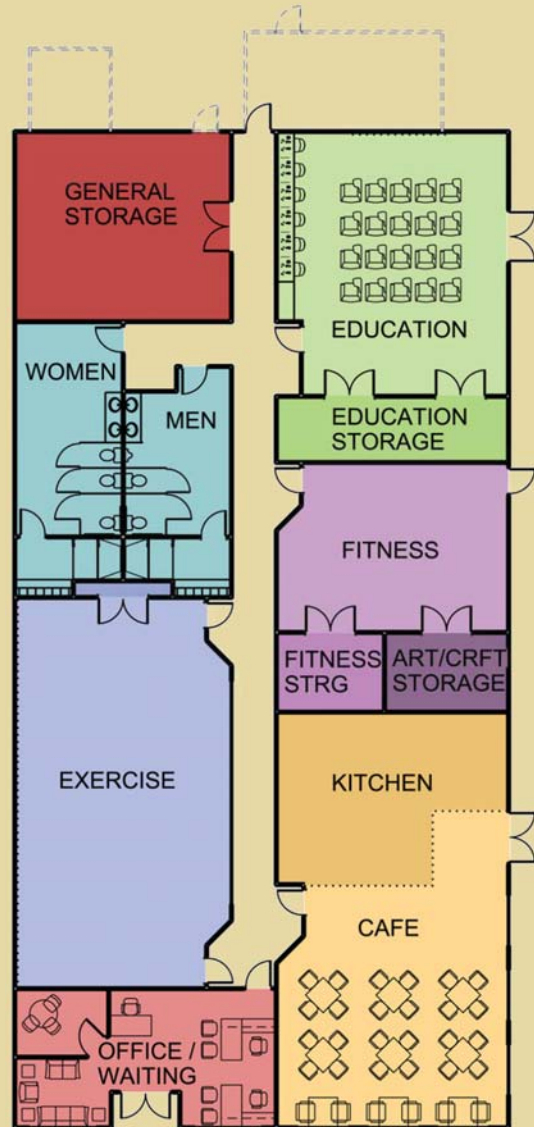
***We need your help in achieving this vision.*** Make a gift today. Fill out the attached form and return to:

Dowagiac Campaign  
Cass COA  
PO Box 5  
Cassopolis, MI 49031-0005

# Key Features of your Dowagiac Senior Center

Your donation will help provide a better life for older adults in the Dowagiac area. The Dowagiac Center will be a safe, friendly central location for older adults, and will offer these key features:

- An “indoor” sidewalk café emphasizing healthier food choices and WIFI Internet access. Although targeted to seniors, it will be open to the community.
- Large open space for fitness classes, equipment, and other amenities to increase activity levels and overall health.
- Fitness center with aerobic and weight equipment.
- A learning and meeting space that is adaptable to a variety of uses, including educational opportunities like Brain Aerobics, health education, computer access and arts and crafts.



**Proposed Floor Plan**

# Our Vision

The Cass County Council on Aging's vision for a Dowagiac Center is to serve the wellness, social, and nutrition needs of seniors. The plan will promote efficiency through modular, multi-use space. The space will be designed with current and future demographic trends in mind.

When completed, the Center will offer:

- A central location for older adults to enjoy regardless of their interests or abilities.
- Well-lit exterior, with accessible parking and sidewalks
- Easy access to and from City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Police and Fire Departments, Library, Dial-A-Ride Depot, Amtrak Station, and several retail and financial institutions

The Center will offer versatility for multipurpose use. It will feature technology including WIFI internet and teleconferencing to facilitate distance learning and education. Accessibility for all is an essential part of our planning.



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# *I want to see the* **Cass County Council on Aging** *in Dowagiac!*

## **PLEDGE INFORMATION**

I/We wish to ensure the future of a Cass County Council on Aging Center in Dowagiac.

Total gift amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid  monthly  quarterly over \_\_\_\_\_ months (up to 36 months)

## **PAYMENT METHOD**

Cash  Check (made payable to Cass County Council on Aging)

Credit card Please indicate type:  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **HELP MAKE A BETTER COMMUNITY!**

Fill out both sides of form and return with your donation to:

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## **DONOR INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like my/our names to be listed among donors as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list me/us as an anonymous donor.

# A gift to remember...

## Interior Building:

**\$150,000 +**

Naming the Center    \$150,000 +    Available

**\$10,000 + Room Honors**

Café	\$50,000 +	Lyons Family
Education Room	\$40,000 +	Lyla Zimmerman
Fitness (exercise)	\$30,000 +	Available
Fitness (center)	\$20,000 +	Available
Lobby	\$10,000 +	John Hrycko

Dowagiac Commercial Press

**\$5,000 + Fitness Center Equipment**

Permanent recognition on an acrylic plaque in the Fitness Center.

A plate recognizing the donor on the equipment itself. This will remain until the item is replaced/retired, generally a period of seven to ten years.

**\$2,500 + Benefactor**

Listing as a benefactor on the acrylic Wall of Honor in the room/program area of the donor's choice.

## Recognition Opportunities

A gift to the Dowagiac Senior Center can provide a way for individuals, families or groups to participate in the building creation and leave a legacy for the future.

Donations beginning at \$250 will receive personalized bricks on the building's exterior. Larger gifts will be recognized throughout the building, including naming rights to the Center for a gift of \$150,000 or more.

## Exterior Building:

**\$1,000 +**



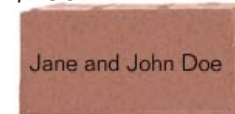
Inscribed 12" by 12"  
concrete brick

**\$500 +**



Inscribed 8" by 8"  
concrete brick

**\$250 +**



Inscribed 4" by 8"  
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