

A Miracle We Build Together

The Eagle Mountain Chapel and Rec Center

Immediate Goal

\$1.5M

before September groundbreaking

\$600K raised • \$900K still needed

40% funded

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\$900K still needed

“If ye have faith, ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true.”

Our prayers are being heard.

We asked for several important exceptions to expensive city codes. EM City obliged. Our Development Agreement was unanimously approved by the EM City Planning Commission, and City Council votes on it August 4. September groundbreaking is almost here!

If it did not seem real a few months ago, it is becoming real now. Hope is about to become visible.
Soon there will be exciting demolition and a lot of noisy dirt moving!

**Do not wait to view the miracle in the rear-view mirror.
Become part of the miracle while it is unfolding.**

A House of Thanksgiving

In D&C 97 the Lord instructed the Saints to unite their means through tithing and sacrifice to create a house of thanksgiving where the Saints could worship, learn, serve, and put down roots in His work. Though the setting is different now, the same principles apply.

A building is concrete, steel, lumber, glass, fixtures, paint, and carpet.... Each vital component requires supplies, expertise, labor, and means. But it is the scaffolding of our sacrifice that will make it a house of worship.

The promised result was described as a fruitful tree planted in good soil beside a pure stream, yielding “much precious fruit.”

God does not need our money (He owns a lot of real estate and can liquidate assets quickly), but He wants our hearts. And our hearts follow where we invest our time, labor, and means.

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Our project – is all of ours.

The spirit of gathering

Our youth will especially benefit

This complex is designed to be an anchor place for dances, instruction, recreation. As a haven for shared identity, it will allow space to foster relationships that will influence the course of their lives.

A Groupwide gathering place

Our meetinghouses, like our sacred spaces, do not belong only to one neighborhood. They are inclusive places where all believers gather for receptions, recreation, funerals, plays, worship, and concerts.

The Apostle Paul, Alma the Younger, and early Latter-day Saint leaders encouraged bearing each other's burdens and contributing to one another across distances. In essence, this is the spirit of gathering, transforming the scattered into "one heart and mind. The Prophet held that spirit of gathering to be of "greatest importance to those looking for salvation in this generation."

As a rising tide raises all boats, increased faithfulness and consecration in each area raises the spiritual level of the entire Priesthood Work.

The pattern for Zion-making is that Zion grows when Saints willingly sacrifice for things not earmarked for their own personal welfare.

When we contribute to projects where we do not personally live, we develop a lasting connection and sense of stewardship to those places. Mutual support deepens unity, fulfills a spiritual commandment to consecrate, shows willingness to "observe [our] covenants by sacrifice," and strengthens us collectively.

**We become His by being of one heart and one mind.
Relational, practical, and spiritual blessings
will then be poured out upon all of us—
pressed down, shaken together, and running over.**

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What We Need Now

We need three kinds of giving.

1. A Gigantic Out-of-the-Gate Surge

We need to raise an additional \$900,000 before breaking ground in September. This will require significant gifts from businesses and households that have the capacity. It will also require thousands of ordinary and widow's mite contributions.

\$900,000

still needed before September
groundbreaking

"By small things and simple things are great things brought to pass."

Up-end your couch cushions for penny drives. Pass the hat at Senior Youth Retreat. Forego that run to Olive Garden, that Amazon movie, or that Egg McMuffin. Switch date night to a walk and a chess game. Host a pinochle or spikeball tournament with entrance fees. Carpool. However you do it, take a long breath and reach deep.

Every contribution is important.

Give now

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Cash

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2. A Sustainable Monthly Commitment

The immediate surge helps us get to Ground Breaking Day. Then consistent monthly giving is necessary to push the project forward.

Ask: What amount can I contribute reliably each month for the next twelve months? Make it deliberate and sustainable.

**Then
automate it.**

Imagine: 1,000 adults or households × \$300/month = \$3.6 million in one year!

Be *that* influencer. Encourage spouses, neighbors, friends, and co-workers to set up an automatic monthly payment.

3. New One-off Fundraisers

Not every auxiliary or Area needs to invent something enormous. But we do need many of us to do something manageable—and we need to attend and support the fundraisers that get organized.

Tournament night

Pinochle, volleyball, or spikeball tournaments, anyone?

Service + snacks

Saturday car washes, treat tables, concessions at flag football and soccer...

Small gifts, repeated

Penny drives, pass the hat, pledge-a-thons...

Use local talents

Raffles, donated-service nights, concerts...

The Lord can magnify ordinary gifts when they are united in faith and purpose.

Youth Are Part of the Miracle

Imagine 2,000 Stripling Warriors—Senior Youth, here's your sign!—committed to \$100 a month. That's \$2.4 million in a year.

Those who work can make sustainable monthly commitments, staff fundraisers, and influence their peers to show up.

*"I helped build this.
I belong to this people.
This work matters to me."*

Parents, *please* share this newsletter with your teens and young adults.

Let the Fundraisers Begin

The Miracle belongs to all of us!

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Sacrifice Changes the Giver

In obedience, Father Adam offered sacrifice before he knew the reason or the outcome. Then he received the good news that it was in similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten, who is “full of grace and truth.”

Our consecration helps us align with His pattern.

Shared sacrifice changes us.

It connects communities, gives our children a monument to recall, leaves evidence that we considered the work of God worthy of effort, and opens us to grace and truth.

Plus, God invented neuroscience. “Helper’s High” is a thing.
Brain imaging studies show donors experience a rush of dopamine that boosts motivation and enthusiasm, while endorphins produce a soothing, euphoric effect. . .
You got this. 😊

Three Actions

Today

Make a meaningful one-time contribution toward the \$900,000 immediate need.

This Week

Establish a recurring monthly chapel-fund contribution for the next twelve months.

This Month

Help organize or support one fundraiser through your auxiliary, Order, business, family, or community.

Then come see the progress.

Walk “The Loop” on an autumn Sunday evening.

Bring the children. Talk about what’s being built, and why.

Let’s build the miracle together.

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