



TURN HARVEST INTO A LASTING LEGACY

Help build *Legacy Hall* - a \$1.7 million community event center at the Mighty Howard County Fairgrounds.

Ways to Give

- **Mail a Check** payable to the Howard County Agricultural Society (include "Legacy Hall" in the memo line)
- **Donate Online:** www.mhcfair.com/donate
- **Recurring ACH Gifts:** Download and submit an ACH form through the Fair Office.
- **Give a Gift of Grain:** Simply tell your elevator you'd like to direct grain proceeds to the Howard County Agricultural Society for Legacy Hall. Ask them to note "[Your Name] - Legacy Hall" on the check.
- **Give through a qualified charitable distribution from an IRA.** Consult your tax advisor for details.

All checks should be mailed to:

Howard County Agricultural Society
Attn: Legacy Hall
PO Box 83
Cresco, IA 52136

Questions? Tom Barnes 641-220-4408 | tbarnes@mhcfair.com

Give a gift of grain to Legacy Hall



Dear Friend and Fellow Neighbor,

You know better than anyone that a good harvest is the result of hard work, patience, and a deep commitment to the land. That same spirit built this community, and it's what will carry it forward. This fall, we're inviting you to put a little of that harvest toward something our whole community will share for generations: **Legacy Hall**.

Legacy Hall is a new community event center to be located on the Howard County Fairgrounds in Cresco that will serve Howard County and Northeast Iowa for generations to come. **Legacy Hall** will host traditional events like weddings, community gatherings, youth programs and trade shows. It will also serve as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter for city and county needs, a medical aid station for EMTs and a Command Center for law enforcement during the Mighty Howard County Fair and other community events. The addition of **Legacy Hall** to the fairgrounds will also allow for the 4-H Building and other youth activities to relocate to the Expo Center during the fair. This climate-controlled facility will offer a much better environment for youth projects and spectators alike.

A smart way to give: a gift of grain

We're proud to accept gifts of grain as part of the Legacy Hall fundraising campaign. For many farmers, this is one of the most tax-friendly ways to support a cause you care about.

When you donate grain directly, you can exclude the sale value from your farm income. That can save you on federal, state, and self-employment taxes—while you still deduct your production expenses, even if you take the standard deduction. It's a way to make your gift go further for the community and for your own bottom line. Because every operation is different, we encourage you to talk with your tax advisor before making a gift of grain. They can help you make the most of it.

How to donate grain

Giving is simple, and it fits right into your harvest routine:

- 1) **Tell your elevator** you'd like to direct the proceeds from your grain to the Howard County Agricultural Society for Legacy Hall.
- 2) Grain will then be sold to the receiving elevator, with the check made out to "Howard County Agricultural Society". Ask them to write "**(Your Name) - Legacy Hall**" on the memo line.
- 3) The elevator will then mail the check to: **Howard County Agricultural Society, Attn: Legacy Hall, PO Box 83, Cresco, IA 52136.**
- 4) Want to be recognized for your gift of grain? Complete the donor card at your local elevator; they will send it along with the grain check. Unless otherwise specified, gifts at qualifying levels will be honored on the Legacy Wall inside the new community center.

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Want to contribute to the **Legacy Hall** fundraising effort, but not through the gift of grain? You can do that. Options to donate include:

- **Check** made out to the Howard County Agricultural Society. Be sure to include Legacy Hall in the memo line.
- Make an **online donation** via the fair website – www.mhcfair.com/donate
- **Recurring Payment Option** – ideal for smaller increments. Download, print, fill out and send ACH form to the Fair Office
- Make a **gift through a qualified charitable distribution from an IRA**. Consult your tax advisor for details.

No matter which way you choose to donate, please complete a donor card to send along with your contribution. This will ensure proper recognition of your generosity. Gifts at qualifying levels will be honored on the Legacy Wall inside the hall – a legacy to those who help build it. Donor cards are available through your elevator for gifts of grain, enclosed with this letter or from any Steering Committee member.

Let's build something lasting

Farmers have always been the backbone of this community. A gift of grain is a chance to turn a good year in the field into a gift that keeps giving—a place where weddings are celebrated, kids learn and grow, and neighbors find shelter when they need it.

If you want to learn more about the project or have questions, please visit our website at www.mhcfair.com/donate or reach out to **Tom Barnes** at 641-220-4408 or tbarnes@mhcfair.com, or **Donna Thomas** at 319-240-6104 or dlthomas06@gmail.com. The website includes the latest floor plan, updated on fundraising efforts and donation materials.

Thank you for all you do for this community. We hope you'll consider joining us in saying “I Do” to **Legacy Hall**.

With gratitude,

The “I Do” Crew / Legacy Hall Steering Committee

Darrel Andera, Tom Barnes, Josh Bourassa, Jericho Curtin, Katie Ferrie, Tim Huhe, Michaela Juelsgaard, Dean Lickteig, Erin Ludwig, Janice Ollendick, Dan Ollendick, Michael Ollendick, Jessica Reis, Heather Slifka, Spiff Slifka, Donna Thomas, Mike Walton, Kenny Waller and Sheila Wemark

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