

February 10, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Des Moines  
21630 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Des Moines, WA 98198

Dear Mayor Sheckler:

Since 1999, the Des Moines Legacy Foundation has helped to make big dreams come true for future generations by actively supporting the City of Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department by raising more than \$700,000 funds for the betterment of the community.

In anticipation of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the Des Moines Legacy Foundation collaborated with the Des Moines Arts Commission to implement a public art project entitled "Honoring Aging" to honor the significant contributions of Des Moines' elder population. Artist Chandelle Anderson has been selected to create a mural to be installed on a wall in the downtown.

We believe this artwork is an important asset that will engage our citizens young and old in Des Moines local heritage and draw tourism to our downtown. We ask that the City of Des Moines accept our gift of \$10,000 for the "Honoring Aging" mural project.

Through the generosity of Des Moines citizens, we have helped build community by contributing to projects such as Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park and the Des Moines Activity Center including Mary's Garden. We have helped to enhance community events by providing a conduit for private donations to summer concerts, Fireworks Over Des Moines and the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market.

Our annual Bayside Brunch at Anthony's Homeport provides ongoing support for important Senior Services activities, volunteer trainings and recognition, elder safety and emergency preparedness. Sports Night in partnership with Rotary and Dollars for Scholars supports much needed youth scholarships and after school programs.

On behalf of the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, I would like thank the Des Moines City Council and our citizens working together to make a lasting difference and to keep Des Moines a livable family community.

Sincerely,

Clark B. Snure, President  
Des Moines Legacy Foundation