Donating to Danny's Place

INTRODUCTION

The Daniel James McCarthy Memorial Fund, Inc. has raised the necessary funds to renovate and furnish the Danny's Place Youth Services (DPYS) youth center, and cover the initial operating expenses. However, the long-term viability of DPYS depends on the continued financial support from the Acton Boxborough community.

OPERATING EXPENSES

The DPYS operating expenses are comprised of four major components:

- Building renovation and fit-up
- people-related (salaries, benefits etc.) make up half of the on-going budget;
- facilities-related expenses (note: we pay market price to lease our space);
- programming and related expenses.

SOURCES OF FUNDS

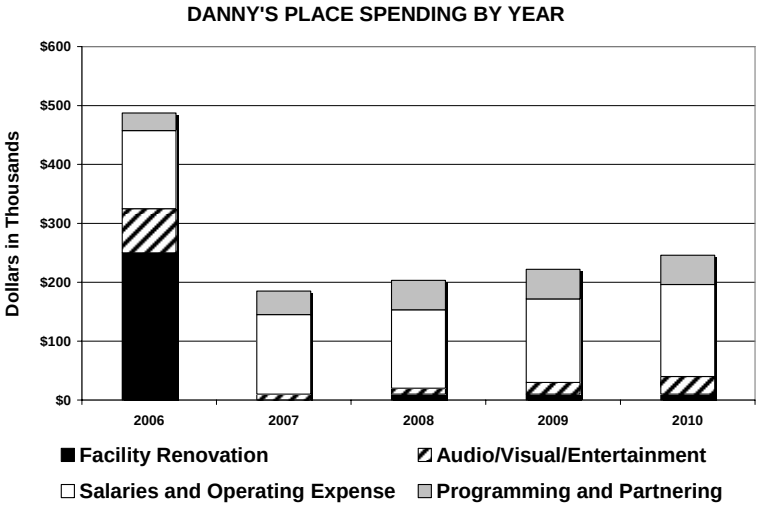
DPYS will use multiple strategies to build the required break-even operating model. Currently those strategies include:

- Donations – Annual financial appeal
- Membership fees – Annual memberships
- Fundraisers and events – A golf tournament, Battle of the Bands etc.
- Grants – Federal and private monies

THE NEED FOR DONATIONS

Donations and membership fees will be vital to our ability to continue to provide a safe, supervised and fun drop-in center on the school campus and to provide youth programming focused on character development, self-empowerment and safe behaviors.

While this may change over time, we expect that approximately 60% (~ $120K/year) of funds to cover operating costs will need to be raised through donations from the local community.



TO MAKE A DONATION

If you are ready to make a donation to DPYS make out your check to the Daniel James McCarthy Memorial Fund, Inc. and send it to PO Box 3088 Acton, MA 01720-7088. Or you can use your credit card on our website.

The donation button Make a Donation is at the top of our home page at www.dannys-place.org.

TO LEARN MORE

If you want to learn more before making a donation, we suggest you visit the center to see it in action, meet Jon Kerr, our youth director, to understand his vision, talk to your children about their experience at the center, or best of all volunteer some of your time to work at the center. Our belief is that once you do any of these things, the value of DPYS to will be clear.