

The Drill Shop - Activity and Curling Center MEDC Fundraiser

Known locally as the “Drill Shop”, this historic building was built in 1885 by the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company to manufacture drill equipment for their copper mines. After the last of the local copper mines closed in 1968 the Drill Shop sat empty for nearly 40 years and was purchased by Calumet Township in 2004.

In 2005, the Copper Country Curling Club moved into a section of the building and installed two curling rinks which it uses during the winter months.



Calumet Township plans to transform the entire building into a year-round activity and curling center.

In addition to the existing curling rinks the project plans to add: a hockey shooting & goal tending area, a batting and pitching area for baseball and softball and two horse shoe courts.

The project has received a matching grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for \$32,000. We will be running a fundraiser campaign to raise \$32,000 which will be matched by the MEDC grant for total of \$64,000. The fundraiser will run from June 15th to July 17th.

The Drill Shop project will consist of 4 elements:

1. Making the building handicap accessible throughout. A barrier-free entrance will be built and concrete will be poured in areas that still have the original dirt floor.
2. Installing a handicap accessible bathroom.
3. Building a large community room that will be shared by all building users. This will replace the 8' by 12' room that the curling club currently uses as its warming room.
4. Electric and lighting upgrades and the development of the activity bays.

Several local groups have agreed to support the Drill Shop project with generous donations: Keweenaw Aspiris Foundation - \$2,000, Calumet Downtown Development Authority - \$10,000, members of the Copper Country Curling Club - \$8,000.

With a goal of \$32,000 we need to raise an additional \$12,000.

We hope you will support the Drill Shop project with a donation of \$ _____.

To donate online or for more information please visit the fundraiser website:

https://www.patronicity.com/project/the_drill_shop

You can also donate at the Calumet Township Office
25580 Red Jacket Rd. Calumet, MI 49913 (make checks out to “the Drill Shop project”)