

The Campaign to Transform Gibbs Farm

*Building a better future for 30,000 students a year
(and a whole lot more)*

Project Update – February 16, 2023

The Gibbs Farm Transformation project equips this regional educational asset to operate year-round, doubling its reach from 15,000 to 30,000 students annually. It includes a new education building that can accommodate six classrooms of students, a new facility to preserve artifacts and archival collections totaling 4.5 million items, safety and accessibility improvements site-wide, space dedicated to Dakota cultural programs, and a modest administration building to support staff and maintenance needs.

The total capital cost of the Gibbs Farm project is \$18.3 million. Ramsey County Historical Society is raising additional funds for non-capital costs, including program development and expansion, as well as additions to its endowment to support student access to Gibbs Farm programs.

State of Minnesota: \$ 9,400,000 - Pending House File 1692 & Senate File 1582
Representatives Finke, Becker-Finn; Senators Oumou Verbeten; Murphy; Marty; Mohamed

Capital Matching Funds

Ramsey County: \$ 7,200,000 - Secured

RCHS/NEH: \$ 750,000 - Secured (National Endowment for the Humanities)

RCHS Donors – Capital: \$ 950,000 - Secured

Total Capital Cost: \$18,300,000 - Includes construction cost escalation

Programs & Endowment

RCHS Donors: \$ 2,200,000 - Secured – program and endowment

RCHS Donors: \$ 3,050,000 - to be raised over next four years – endowment

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Gibbs Farm has meant a lot to me and my family. My children and I have volunteered there for years. It is a well-run program that gets kids outside and exploring nature and helps them to learn about the history of farms, Ramsey county and Minnesota, Native Americans, and much more.

—Krista Finstad Hanson, RCHS Volunteer and Supporter

\$9.4 million request, specific bills in the House & Senate are pending. Local match already secured.

Gibbs Farm Helps Teachers Teach

Every program at Gibbs Farm addresses Minnesota education standards that are required topics in classrooms. History and indigenous culture are two topics that many teachers self-identify as areas in which they require assistance. Gibbs Farm employs experts that teach these subjects exclusively and well.

Gibbs Farm is Effective

The programs at Gibbs Farm use a combination of the best learning tools available, including participatory theater, call & response language exercises, visual learning materials that mitigate language barriers, hands-on activities, and make and take projects, to bring history to life in the imaginations and hands of students.

Gibbs Farm is Unique

The history of Jane Gibbs and the Dakota people of Heyáta Othúnjwe (Cloud Man's Village) covers agriculture, civics, and Dakota culture and how they intersect. How we teach it is unique in Minnesota.

Gibbs Farm Respects Culture

We work with Dakota people to tell the Dakota story, in fact, the Dakota program was developed by Dakota Elders and Culture Bearers 23 years ago and continues to be guided by Dakota advisors today.

RCHS Preserves Our Culture

RCHS is entrusted with preserving more than 4.5 million documents and artifacts from thousands of organizations and individuals. This effort includes creating a desperately needed collections preservation facility to ensure our material culture is preserved and accessible.

Gibbs Farm is a Regional Asset

Drawing from the entire Twin Cities region as well as central and southern Minnesota. Here are some of the schools visiting Gibbs Farm in a typical year:

Adams Spanish Immersion	Highland Park Elementary	Elementary
Alden Conger Elementary	Highwood Hills	Poplar Bridge
Alice Smith Elementary	Hope Christian Academy	Randolph Heights
Annunciation	Horace Mann Elementary	Red Rock Elementary
Armstrong Elementary	Int'l Spanish Language	Rice Lake Elementary
Avail Academy	Academy	River Tree School
Bailey Elementary	Island Lake Elementary	Riverview Westside
Barack & Michelle Obama	Jackson Elementary	Rocky Branch Elementary
Elementary	Jenny Lind School	Rum River
Bloomington Living Hope	Jie Ming Mandarin	Rush Creek
Lutheran School	JJ Hill Montessori	Seven Hills Prep
Blue Heron	Lake Marion Elementary	SKOLA Microschool
Breck School	Lakes International	Skyview Elementary
Bridgewater Elementary	Lakes Int'l Language	SPPS Randolph Heights
Brimhall ISD 623	Academy	SPPS Riverview Westside
Castle Elementary	LC Webster School	St Anthony Park
Central Elementary	L'Etoile du Nord	Elementary
(Norwood Young America)	Liberty Classical Academy	St Francis Christian School
Chelsea Heights	(WBL)	St Odilia School
Countryside Elementary	Liberty Ridge	St Vincent de Paul
Dayton's Bluff Elementary	Linwood Elementary	St. Anthony Park
Divine Mercy Catholic	(Wyoming, MN)	St. Charles Borromeo
Eagle Point Elementary	Little Canada	St. Croix Central
East Lake Elementary	Madison Elementary	St. Croix Falls
Eastern Heights	Maranatha Christian	St. Patrick School
Eastview Elementary	Academy	St. Paul City School
Edinbrook Elementary	Mary McClendon	Sunnyside Elementary
Falcon Heights Elementary	Homeschool	Sunrise Elementary
Farnsworth Aerospace	McAuliffe Elementary	The Heights Community
Forest View Elementary	Mendota Elementary	School
Four Season A+ School	Middleton Elementary	Twin Cities German
Frassati Catholic	Minnehaha Academy	Immersion
Friends of the St Paul Public	Minnesota Waldorf School	Universal Academy Charter
Library	Mis Amigos Immersion	Valley Crossing
Gentry Academy	Normandale Hills	Westside Elementary
Gleason Lake	North Heights Christian	Wildwood Elementary
Glen Lake Elementary	Academy	Windom Community
Glenwood City Elementary-	Northside Christian School	School
WI	Northwoods Elementary	Woodcrest Baptist
Global Academy	Oakwood Elementary	Academy
Global Arts Plus	Otter Lake	Zumbrota Primary School
Golden Lake Elementary	Our Lady of Grace	
Good Shepherd Golden	Oxbow Creek	
Valley	PACT Charter School	
Greenwood Elementary	Parkview Center School	
Growing in Grace	Phalen Lake Hmong Studies	
Homeschool Coop	Pinecrest (Hastings)	
Hayes Elementary	Plymouth Creek	



Option 1 – 2 diagonal elements w/ adjusted rhythm, geometry linked to roof angles

AREA OF FUTURE EXPANSION

