

THE INFINITY CENTER

What is The Infinity Center (IC):

The Infinity Center is the engine behind a massive opportunity for change in Breckenridge and Wilkin County. The project will be the home for Sanford PT/OT and Optical (moving from Wahpeton ND), County Alternative Learning Center, Multi-Purpose hard courts (BB, VB, Pickle Ball, Batting and Archery Cages along with a walking track), Multi-Purpose sheet of Ice that will be the new home for BW Blades. Its purpose is to serve a greater need than those who will use the facility. The IC will be the springboard for Housing, Economic Development, Childcare and much more.

What is the Financial Need: Ask = \$7.3M Minimum need this year = \$4.7M

Cost of the Project is \$26.1M. Cash and Pledges= \$18.8M (Wilkin County \$5M, Sanford \$4.5M, Cash and Pledges \$9.3M). We have a pledge from the county for \$5M that expires on December 31, 2025 if we aren't at \$15M in Cash and Pledges (3:1 pledge for \$5M). Minimum needed to secure these funds before expiration is **\$4.7M (\$15M-\$9.3M=\$4.7M)**.

Why is The Infinity Center the Engine behind change:

Housing/Economic Development: There is a development group that has plotted out a 60 acre housing and business development district if The IC is built. Only 6 lots available in Breckenridge. The development would potentially add 68 lots, with a business district development. Infrastructure and housing investment would be about \$31M for a completed residential development. Huge implication for City, County, School District and State tax dollars. Emphasizing that 30% of these new residents move from ND/SD. Fantastic ROI! Unemployment in Wilkin and Richland counties are from 1.7%-2.4% (internet). We are so short on labor that we have business' brining in foreign families to help fill this need. Plenty of jobs, need people who will in turn need homes!

Childcare: Tiny Tikes Daycare located in Wahpeton, ND and Battle Lake, MN has requested a 1 acre lot near The IC. The area has an extreme deficit for childcare.

Breckenridge School District: We are very hopeful that we will be able to partner with the Infinity Center in the near future to utilize 5-6 classrooms and access to a gymnasium for our alternative learning programs. Our ALCP provides specialized support for students who qualify under MN statute as a research-based dropout prevention strategy. Students are supported with core instruction, credit recovery, and work-based learning. Additionally, we serve the Valley Lake Boys Home, a residential program supporting boys facing behavioral challenges. This program, along with our alternative learning program, would both benefit by utilizing classroom and gym spaces in The Infinity Center.
Yours in Education, Kristie Sullivan, Superintendent.

What needs will The IC serve for the people of the region:

Sanford: Sanford will be relocating their PT/OT and optical over to Breckenridge from Wahpeton, ND. This will be a fantastic storefront for The IC and will provide immediate traffic. The partnership brings fantastic synergies with Sanford the their interest in renting gym and walking track space.

Pickleball: Currently over 80 players using gym spaces in the shoools or traveling to Fargo ND. IC would provide 4 dedicated courts. **Leagues:** The IC would be ideal for hosting our adult basketball, volleyball and hockey leagues. **Youth:** Extreme lack of gym space creates late nights or families driving to Fargo ND to meet these needs. Our hockey team; BW Blades, plays in MN, but doesn't even have a sheet of Ice in MN. They play and practice in Wahpeton, ND and the sheet is the oldest sheet of ice in ND.

Childcare: Tiny Tikes would build near The IC.

Summary: The IC is one of the better Economic investments the State can make for the tax payers of MN. The \$7.4M ask will bring a fantastic \$26M community center, a \$30M housing district, it will be a great space for our schools ALCP program, a long-term tenant in Sanford, while giving families visiting a reason to live and stay in Breckenridge for more of the family's needs, along with attractive amenities like childcare.

