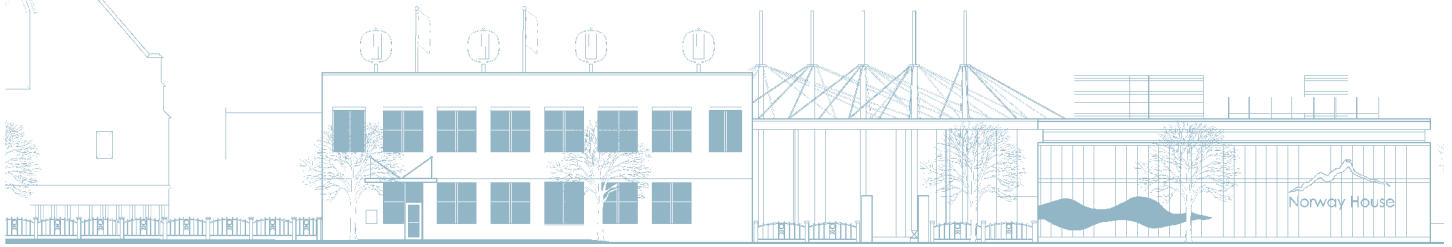


# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



## GREETINGS,

I hope this note finds you well and ready to usher in the spring season. Jon Pederson, Board Chair and Capital Campaign Chair and I want to send you brief updates about the Norway House campaign and other updates about what's happening at Norway House.

## Ambassador Sam Heins Send-off

A bon-voyage reception was held at Norway House on Thursday, March 3 celebrating the appointment of Minnesota attorney Sam Heins as the new Ambassador to Norway! Sam, his wife Stacey Mills, along with his 97 year old mother were honored by a group of Norwegian American leaders, college presidents, political leaders including Governor Dayton, and Norway House supporters. After a lengthy approval process, Ambassador Heins fills the position that has been vacant for nearly 900 days. Senator Amy Klobuchar was instrumental in moving the process along to final approval. We look forward to frequent updates from the Ambassador and his wife about their time in Norway. We know that all Americans will be well represented by their leadership.

## Norway House Property Acquisition

Norway House has recently completed the purchase of the remaining parcels for the future development of the campus. The corner Laundromat, duplex, and single family house make way for the future Norway House Event Center. Two families are leasing the duplex and the single family home was torn down to make room for additional parking.

The next phase of the capital campaign will focus on funding these acquisitions. We invite you to participate in this next phase of the development of the campus. When completed, the two Norway House buildings along with Mindekirken, The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, will be known as the National Norwegian Center in America.

## Minnesota State Bonding/Appropriations Funding for Norway House

Norway House is pursuing funds from the MN Legislature to help fund the building of the Event Center. A \$5 million appropriations request has been submitted by Senator Jeff Hayden and Representative Karen Clark for consideration. Former Governor Al Quie, retired Senator Ed Oliver, former Majority Leader Roger Moe and others are working with Board President Jon Pederson and me on this project meeting with the Governor and Lt. Governor, key leaders, senators and representatives at the State Capitol. We are optimistic that our project will capture the attention, excitement, and support of our leaders!

## We Need Your Help!

Soon you will receive a postcard inviting you to call your senator and representative encouraging him/her to support the bonding/appropriations bill funding the Norway House development. **Will you please consider making the calls or sending a note to your leaders on behalf of Norway House?** We need our supporters from all over the state to make these very important and effective calls. Here's a sample script:

*Hi! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am calling as a supporter of Norway House encouraging Senator/ Representative \_\_\_\_\_ to support the bonding appropriation funding for Norway House. We believe that Norway House is an important business and cultural center that continues and strengthens the strong relationship between Norway and the United States.*

Contact information for your leaders can be found at <http://www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts/>. After entering your zip code or address, you will be sent to the page for your district. Simply click on the names of your representative and senator and you will find their phone numbers and address.

You may also call the following numbers to locate your legislator: House 651-296-2146; Senate 651-296-0504

**Thank you** in advance for your help! Please encourage others to participate.

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## Honor Your Heritage Plaque Program

Family Name and Family Story plaques displayed on the Heritage Wall in the Education Center Commons are available for \$2,500 and \$10,000++. Forms are available at reception desk or at <http://norwayhouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/NORWAY-HOUSE-PLAQUE-2014.pdf>.

If you would like to add to your current capital campaign gift in order to purchase a plaque, please call me at 952-221-3400.

*Norway House is a MN 501c3 non-profit organization.  
Tax ID #20-1129254. Norway House is located at:  
913 East Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404.*

## Tours & Meeting/Event space at Norway House

Interested in a group tour of Norway House & Mindekirken? Looking for meeting space for your organization or special event? Please call Jeff @ 612-871-2211. Hospitality and bus service can be arranged.

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## Thrivent Choice Dollars

We are pleased to announce that Norway House is a Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice® program. By directing Choice Dollars®, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent. If you have Choice Dollars available to direct, please consider directing to Norway House. We plan to use Thrivent Choice grant funding for the capital campaign. To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836.

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## Current & Upcoming Events

Check out our calendar! <http://norwayhouse.org/calendar/>

**Thank you for your support of Norway House!** This is **your** house and your heritage home. Gifts great and small have built Phase One and more will be needed until completion of the National Norwegian Center in America! I look forward to visiting with you about the next phase.

— *Rebecca Jorgenson Sundquist*  
*Director of Development*

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*Not on the Norway House email list? Please send me your address @ [Rebecca@jorgensonsundquist.com](mailto:Rebecca@jorgensonsundquist.com) or call 952-221-3400.*

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