

# Building Humanism

From the Inside Out

Update – June 5, 2016

WE ARE BUILDING BRIDGES.  
WE ARE BUILDING COMMUNITY.  
WE ARE BUILDING A SAFE PLACE FOR  
DANGEROUS IDEAS.

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**WE ARE BUILDING HUMANISM.**

WE ARE BUILDING A FUTURE TOGETHER.

# Board Goals for the Project

- Grow FUS Membership
- Broaden and Deepen the Scope and Reach of Programming
- Reduce Expense or Generate Revenue
- Allow FUS to Better Steward our Environment
- Promote FUS Values
- Provide Better Access to the Community
- Mitigate Risk to the Society

## More learning for life.

First Unitarian Society's programs for all ages are committed to exploring meaning and purpose in our complex world.



A **brand new heating and cooling system** will allow our programs to serve our community year round.

**Upgraded technology** in classrooms and throughout the building will allow FUS to function in a connected world and to serve the 30+ like-minded groups that use our space each week.



“We appreciate the Religious Education program because it doesn’t tell kids what to think; it explores ideas from a variety of cultures and sources. It helps them learn service, find community and learn to respect people of different beliefs.”

- Kari Harris, Member and RE Parent



## A larger, more accessible community.

FUS is radically inclusive. We welcome *everyone*, regardless of background, belief, or ability.



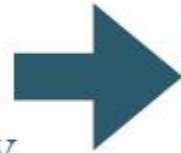
**New restrooms** and a **new elevator** will make the entire building accessible and help us honor that commitment.

“For me it was the multiple generations of free thinkers who enjoy challenging themselves every week that made me feel most at home. We are indeed all in this thing together.”

- Matt Hoenck, member

## More action. More justice.

Our members put their values into action every day. Our commitment to social justice reaches deep into the community and even across the world.



Updating our building, its common spaces, and its curb appeal will help FUS stand brighter as a beacon for humanism and a catalyst for change in our world.

“It’s hard for a teen like me to find meaningful connections around social justice issues, but thanks to FUS I’ve already worked on climate change awareness as a paid intern and participated with youth around the country at the Portland General Assembly. FUS has give me support and a spiritual community.”

- *Sophia Morissette, Teen in Religious Ed.*



# Turning a Corner (stone)

- January 31 Forum Presentation:
  - Very Preliminary
  - Pre-design, conceptual
  - Unlikely to be 100% achieved in the next three years
  - Blueprint for future
  - Budgeting to come
  - Transformational. Disruptive. Surprising

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- June 5, 2016
  - Ready to create Construction Drawings
  - Submitting for Bids
  - Strong Positive Feedback
  - Strong Fundraising Results
  - Can We Really Get our 15-year Project done in 12 months?



# Fundraising Update

- \$1,069,050 Committed

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• \$1,332,550 Committed

- 34 gifts in
- Averaging 30% more than what was asked for

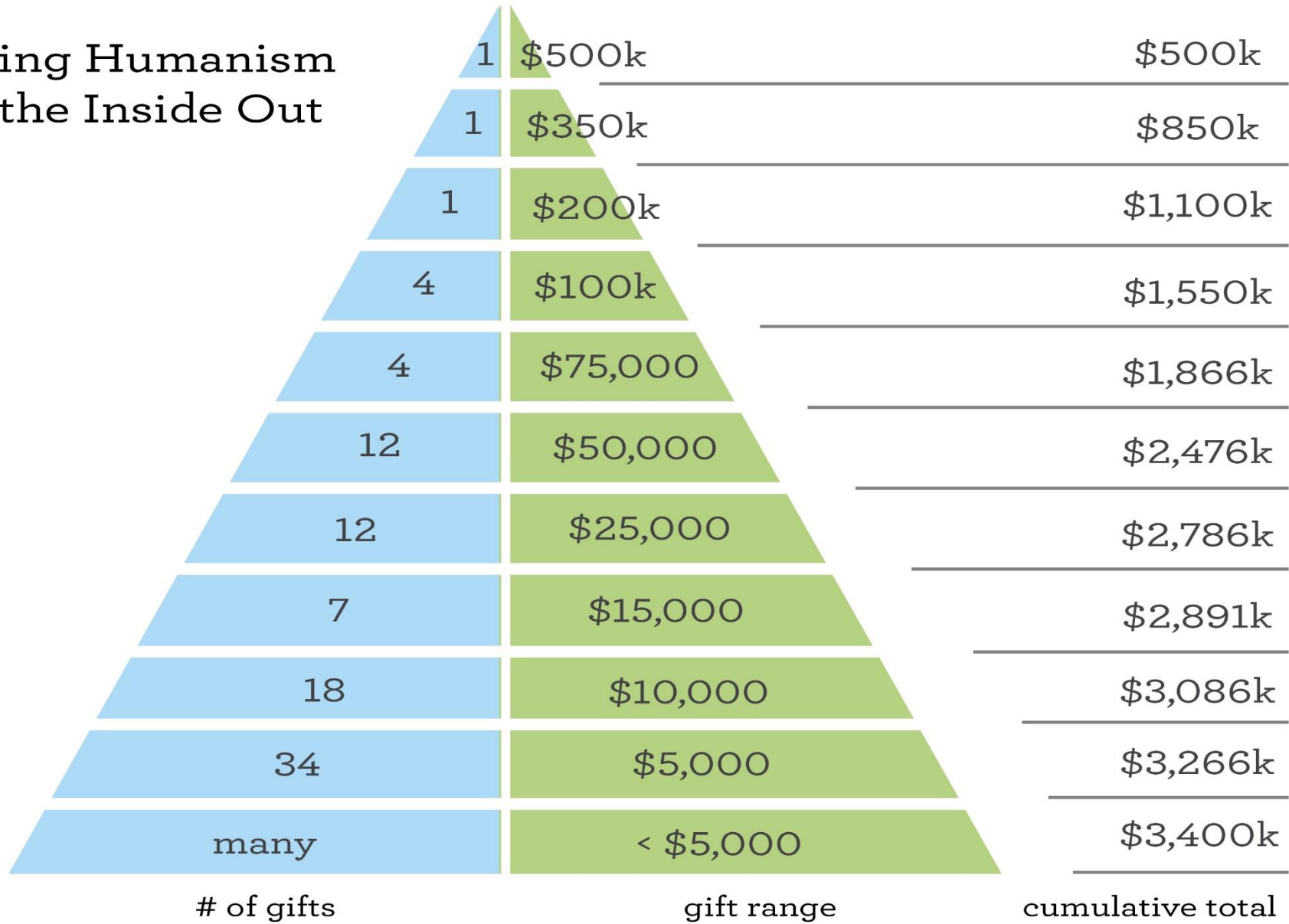
# Where are we headed

- Committed to a \$3.0 million project
  - \$2.4 million fundraising
  - \$600,000 financing
    - \$500,000 loan from FUS Foundation
    - \$100,000 interest free loan from member
- All Phases make for a \$4.0 million project
  - \$3.4 million fundraising
- Start construction this fall
- Complete construction next summer

# From \$2.25 to \$3.4 million. Really?

- Floor Vs. Ceiling
- Looking at Peer Congregations:
  - Gift per member
    - Minnetonka - \$10,060
    - Unity - \$8,045
    - Iowa City - \$7,042
    - FUS - \$6,868

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# Project Update

- Priorities

- Infrastructure Updates for efficiency and comfort
- Accessibility Updates to make entire building accessible
- Connect FUS to the neighborhood and nature
- Improved Interior that serves our needs and uses today

# What That Translates To

- Elevator
- Replace Building HVAC
- Replace Windows
- Replace Existing Roof
- Restrooms
  - Single Restrooms on all three levels
  - All-Gender Restrooms on First Floor
- Education Wing Interior Remodel
- Fully Accessible Groveland Entrance
- Mt Curve Entrance
  - Dietrich Room
  - Gallery Redo
  - Entry Canopy, Trellis and Landscaping
  - Trash Enclosure and Storage
  - Interior Entry Revisions
- Upper and Lower Assembly Upgrades
- Chalice Room Remodel
- Site Work – Playground relocation
- Existing Restroom Remodel