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Campaign committee pledges over \$100K to new aquatic center

Members and families of the campaign committee leading the fundraising for a new family aquatic center have themselves already pledged more than \$100,000 toward "Splash," the capital campaign to replace and expand the municipal swimming pool in Grinnell.

Built in 1957 and renovated in 1989, the existing L-shaped pool has numerous leaks because of cracking in the floor and wall sections. It no longer meets current code requirements for diving and the bathhouse has remained unchanged since it was built over 50 years ago.

The city of Grinnell is funding construction of the basic new pool structure through revenue from a local option sales tax. The appeal for private donor funds is aimed at providing the amenities to develop the facility into a family aquatic center for all area residents. These amenities will include features such as a winding "lazy river," water slides, lap lanes, fountains and geysers, and plenty of chairs and shaded areas for sunning and relaxation. A new bathhouse and concession build-

with financial commitments of their own that collectively exceed \$100,000," said Delphina Baumann, campaign co-chair. "The goal is to raise at least half of the estimated \$6 million cost through private contributions."

"The team members continue to inspire with their enthusiasm and persistence," says campaign co-chair Wendy Ramsey. "Their personal and family gifts send a clear message to our friends and neighbors - let's keep our long-term perspective on the well-being of current and future area residents. The family aquatic center we invest in today will be with us for the next half a century."

In addition to Baumann and Ramsey, aquatic center campaign members include Barb Baker, Alice Breemer, Tom Cirks, Craig Cooper, Melissa Hayes, Gina Finch, Leslie Jaworski, Marilyn Kennett, Marti Latimer, Shannon McNaul, Claire Moisan, John Pfitsch, Helen Redmond, Kelly Rose, Chris Roudabush, and Steve Witt.

To learn more about the project,