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\$100,000 classroom naming gift for new Sioux City Public Museum announced

The Siouxland Heritage Foundation announced a \$100,000 grant from the M.A. Martin Everist Foundation for the "Our New Museum" capital campaign today. Funds will be used for the construction of the M.A. Martin Everist Classroom in the new Sioux City Public Museum in downtown Sioux City.

The award letter sent by Security National Bank, the M.A. Martin Everist Foundation's trustee, stated, "This award for excellence is given to an organization working to expand community awareness and involvement in art and cultural activities. The Siouxland Heritage Foundation has an outstanding opportunity to enrich the cultural offerings in Sioux City through the construction of the new downtown museum and, in particular, three multi-purpose classrooms, allowing the museum to diversify its cultural and educational activities."

The grant for the new Sioux City Public Museum facility is among a long list of community projects supported by Margaret Ann Martin Everist, noted Steve Hansen, Museum director. "We are so pleased that Margaret Ann's legacy of philanthropy will continue to provide educational opportunities for years to come."

To date, more than \$8.6 million has been raised for the new Museum facility. The goal for the public phase of the "Our New Museum" capital campaign is to raise an additional \$1.5 million - \$2 million from the community. General construction will begin in spring 2009.

The new facility will occupy the entire first floor of the building — approximately 55,000 square feet of floor space, with about 10,000 square feet of two-story space as an atrium in the southwest corner of the building.

The non-profit 501(c)(3) Siouxland Heritage Foundation was created to oversee design, construction and fundraising of the new Sioux City Public Museum in downtown Sioux City. The M.A. Martin Everist Foundation grants awards to pre-selected non-profit organizations and is administered through Security National Bank's Trust Department.

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