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Ball Hall Campaign Receives Boost from J.M. McDonald Foundation

\$50,000 Grant will Support Renovation Project

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—*The Campaign to Save Ball at Keuka College* has received a boost from an old friend.

The College received a \$50,000 grant from the J.M. McDonald Foundation to support the three-year, \$10 million fund-raising effort that kicked off in July.

The campaign total now stands at \$6.3 million.



“The J. M. McDonald Foundation has been a loyal supporter of Keuka College for more than 40 years,” said College President Joseph G. Burke. “I am delighted that its board of trustees, led by President Don McJunkin, has again stepped up to help with the renovation of Ball Hall, a project that is critical to the future of the College.”

Headquartered in Evergreen, Colo., the J.M. McDonald Foundation made its first gift to Keuka College in 1963. It played a significant role in Keuka’s last campaign (*Shaping the Future: One Graduate at a Time*), donating \$100,000 to name the general chemistry lab in the Lucretia Davis Jephson Science Center.

Other gifts have supplied scholarship aid to students, provided books and equipment for Lightner Library, made campus buildings handicap accessible, bolstered the occupational therapy and business management programs, and provided technology to enhance student learning.

The foundation was founded in 1952 by James M. McDonald Sr. and provides grants to health and educational institutions—especially institutions of higher learning—as well as to centers or services for children and the aging.

Ball Hall is the College’s original building and carries the name of Rev. Dr. George Harvey Ball, founder and first president of the College.

Several major elements of the building will be repaired. The roof will be replaced, masonry will be restored, new windows will be installed, the foundation walls will be weatherproofed and repaired, and the trim on the bell tower and along the roofline will be repaired.

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Space and function concerns will also be addressed.

“We will bring various administrative functions, including college advancement, admissions, financial aid, business office, bursar’s office, and personnel—which are currently spread across three non-adjacent buildings—into Ball Hall,” said Burke. “The top three floors will still be used as residence hall space, although there will be much-needed upgrades and improvements.”