

Volunteers Get Serious, Raising More than \$100,000 for New Gates Fire Hall

For a fund raising campaign that just kicked off in July, the Gates Fire Hall project is progressing by leaps and bounds. So far, the Gates Fire District Emergency Services Support Corporation and the Gates Rural Fire Protection District have raised over \$100,000 combined from community fundraisers, as well as grants.

The impressive piece of this story is that \$44,000 of this total came from community fundraisers and local donations. At the Roses and Hoses kick-off event in July, GFDESS raised over \$29,000. In addition, the group held a well-coordinated Treasure Sale, an "upscale yard sale" in Gates at which they raised more than \$5,000. The remainder of the local support has come in the form of donations and pledges.

Although it seems the group has raised a lot of money, they've only just begun. The project will cost in excess of two million dollars. The volunteers behind this project are about to go through an extensive capital fund raising campaign training workshop, and they expect this training coupled with their enthusiasm, will see them through.

For questions about the Gates Fire Hall project, visit www.gatesfirehall.com, or call 503.897.2929. MCIP 9.12.07