

# Buy a Brick

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy headquarters building campaign has been in full swing for months. Monumental projects like this do not come together without an incredible amount of behind-the-scenes coordination by people with great vision and influence. The entire campaign will raise \$2.4 million. More than \$2 million has already been formally committed.

The campaign began with insightful advice from Mr. Gene Yehle, chairman of the Strosacker Foundation in Midland. Mr. Yehle enumerated the questions that must be answered before any foundation would be likely to support the project. Mr. Alan



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Ott, chairman of Chemical Bank and Mrs. Margaret "Ranny" Riecker, president of the Towsley Foundation (and a founding board member of the Mackinac

Center) generously agreed to co-chair the headquarters campaign.

Their leadership and guidance opened the many doors that made possible our raising over 80% of the goal within a few short months.

Now, in the final stages of the campaign we are requesting contributions from other Mackinac Center members and friends. The "Buy A Brick" program allows members who contribute \$200 or more to symbolically "buy a brick" and to be part of the building campaign. Interested members and friends need only to send in a \$200 contribution and note it as "Buy A Brick." All new building supporters will be

honored at our grand opening celebration. I urge you to participate in this important project.

There is something very poetic about symbols of statism such as the Berlin wall being torn down while symbols of freedom such as the new Mackinac Center headquarters are being built. It is not a coincidence. It is not surprising. It is a very favorable trend.

I invite you to "buy a brick" and be part of history in the making. If you have any questions about the headquarters building campaign, please feel free to contact me personally. **!**