

One Million Dollar Donation Helps To Restore Duluth Armory

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DULUTH, MN (Northland's Newscenter) -- Plans for restoration of The Duluth Armory Arts and Music Center are now underway with the help of an anonymous \$1-million donation.

The money donated will help jump start a total historic-sensitive rehabilitation of the building.

The Armory has teamed with the Alexander Company-- a development consultant based out of Madison Wisconsin.

Plans include turning the back portion of the Armory into a convention area that will hold 2500 people.

A music resource center program aimed toward teaching teens is also in the works. Organizers say the donation has energized the community.

"Just stunned, we knew we were getting all ready, we were bracing for a new campaign, and to hear that we had such a great donation--last night we got together at a board meeting--there were a lot of hugs and high fives," said Vice President Mark Poirier.

The Armory is waiting to hear back from the Alexander Company regarding the new construction plan.