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## Capital Campaign Progress

The Northgate Community Pride Foundation would like to thank our community for its wonderful support in 2004 and share the vision for what's ahead in 2005.

In December 2004, Northgate Pride invited the community to attend one of two Town Hall meetings to learn about the current capital campaign.

This campaign is raising funds to renovate the Little Theatre, upgrade the outdoor football/track/soccer field, and build a brand new Aquatic Center. Thank you to the many families and individuals who took the time to attend, volunteer and donate.

December also saw a year-end donation request letter to

all residents of the Northgate area. The response was wonderful! Lastly, the Contra Costa Times recognized the community's efforts to improve Northgate High School by listing our campaign as one of the TOP TEN events for Walnut Creek in 2004. What a great year for all of us in the Northgate area: our concerns are known, people are stepping forward to help, and change is about to happen...

On to the New Year....Northgate Pride has set two campaign priorities for 2005: completion of the Little Theatre renovation and hosting the five 'home' football games in 2005 on

the Northgate field. Great progress is being made on both priorities.

In November, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and Northgate Pride hired Loving and Campos Architects, Inc. as architect of record for the theatre project. If the final fundraising push is successful, the construction is planned to begin when the school year ends, in mid-June. At present, the campaign has raised approximately \$990,000 for the Little Theatre project. Much of the raised capital thus far has come from state money given to our project from the school district.

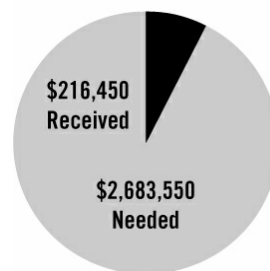
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## Funds Raised to Date

Northgate Little Theatre



Northgate Sports Complex



Northgate Aquatics Center



## Become Part of the Pride

Help us reach our \$8.6 million goal. All donations are tax deductible and **pledges can be paid over a three year period**. Contributions can also be made using Visa or Mastercard. Please send your donations to: NCPF, P.O. Box 31652, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

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Visit our Website at: [www.northgatepride.org](http://www.northgatepride.org) Donation forms are also available on the website.

## Say Goodbye to the "Old" Little Theatre

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On any given day at Northgate, one of every three students will be sitting in a performing arts classroom. Some are playing trombone in Wind Ensemble, others are rehearsing an upcoming performance and still others are choreographing their own dances or singing scales in a vocal warm-up. This year, they all have one thing in common: they can't wait for June! That is the month that construction is scheduled to begin on the renovation of their "home", Northgate's Little Theatre. After 30 years of use and no major upgrades, the Little Theatre has fallen into disrepair. Four years ago the Northgate Community Pride Foundation began fundraising and

developing plans to fully renovate the stage, theater, and performing arts classrooms. Recent state proposition money and generous community contributions have allowed Northgate Pride to push forward with the plan for summer construction. However, we are still \$700,000 shy of our goal. If the final fundraising push is successful, we will watch the school doors close in June and the bulldozers will be invited into the Little Theatre. Gone will be the broken seats, the water-stained walls and carpet, the inadequate lighting and the terrible acoustics. By early Spring '06 the performing arts students will be standing

on a 1630 square foot stage with wing and backstage space for sets and props. The dance production students will be leaping across a custom-fit dance floor. The vocal and instrumental music groups will be hearing the symphony of sounds created in a new acoustically engineered space. The long wait will be over—the Little Theatre will be finished! We invite the entire Northgate Community to become patrons of the arts: the high school arts' programs. Leave the car in the driveway and stroll to a fabulous musical production. Take your children or grandchildren to watch the transformation of teenagers into graceful dancers. Listen as Arthur Miller or the Bard come to life on the stage. Please join us now as the Little Theatre renovation takes center stage in our community!

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We are looking to the community, businesses, and foundations in 2005 to raise the balance needed to complete this very necessary improvement to the high school.

The first phase of the Sports Complex upgrades is also set to begin at the end of the school year. The Mt. Diablo School District and the DFAL have both approved home games at Northgate next year, providing we meet the criteria necessary to host the games. We are in the process of raising \$375,000 for those required facility

upgrades for a home game schedule beginning in 2005—we are making good progress toward that goal but need the community's support to make this happen.

As always, we welcome volunteers and donations—this is a community-wide effort that positively affects all of our children. Please consider donating today—check out our website at [www.NorthgatePride.org](http://www.NorthgatePride.org) or call 925-939-6273 for ways you can make a difference. We are looking forward to an exciting 2005!

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