

Amazing Webster Event in the Books!

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Webster Event Creates Awareness, Updates and Optimism

This past weekend we hosted a different kind of fundraiser for us. *Century: Preparing Webster for Its Next 100 Years* was part history museum exhibit, part art gallery, part architecture class and a whole lot of fun.

Friday night was an alumni exclusive evening with more than 55 people in attendance who all went to Webster in different eras, including one who was there in the mid-1940s and several teachers who were there when the school closed in 2006. One of those teachers even wore her shirt that commemorated the closure. We shared stories, looked over photographs and year books, and remembered the great legacy of Webster Elementary School. We heard so many amazing stories: polio vaccines, fluoride treatments, floor

hockey, hot and cold lunch, the first time someone ever had pizza, walking down to A&W for a milkshake, broken bones on the playground, climbing the rope to the rafters in gym, school plays, and so much more.

Saturday night was the public event where more than 180 folks came to learn about where the project stands and show support. In the room were several of our future tenants, neighbors, retired educators, many folks from our construction team and builders, and more.

On Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and most of the day on Sunday, we also gave tours, showing folks our progress and letting folks remember their former school and see what we are working on. More than 150 people came through over the three days to learn more.

We have never done anything like this fundraiser. Typically our events raise a little bit of money while highlighting folks going great work in the city through running restaurants, baking amazing desserts, etc. Putting together an art/history show with displays, artifacts, community input, graphic design, printing, and so on was no small undertaking, so there are lots of folks to thank!

Venue - Thank you to [El Pigasso Art Gallery](#) for the great, versatile space to really be our canvas as we created our vision. Ivan is the man, think about using the space for a future event.

Team - June Correia has been researching for this installment for well over a year. For much of that time we weren't sure for what. "This will all be useful eventually," we would say. When the idea began to take shape, she had the unhappy experience of taking a wealth of knowledge and distilling it down to paragraphs, not pages. Her research and dedication brought so much to this event and the future installment at Webster.

Audra Pieknik brought with her a background and eye for the art at exhibition. Creating the visuals that made the story "pop" was incredibly important. Her knowledge of printing materials, display tactics, and the connections the execute the vision were invaluable.

The last add to our team was Shelby Shull, an Oakland University intern in the English department. She came on to assist with honing research, writing copy, and on the final evening served, along with her dad, as our bartender.

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Mark Thomas flipping through historical documents. Mark brought our several friends who went to Webster in the 1940s.



Oakland County Commissioner and Webster Alumnus, Gwen Markham, sharing memories and stories about the project. The commissioners approved \$2 million in ARPA funding for the building's renovation in 2024.



Lauren Fuller from Oakland County Sheriff PAL, Executive Director Coleman Yoakum, Exhibit creator Audra Pieknik, Oakland Thrive's Joy Dockham, and mayor-elect Mike McGuinness.



Our neighbor Rena with her baby Xyn who are both excited to see this building open!



Chris Perry reading the timeline of Pontiac schools. Chris and his wife Roxanne have been champions for this project from almost the very beginning.



Our neighbors Graham Cassano and Ros Hartigan, members of the band Blue Pontiac, play music as the night winds down. Ros and Graham contributed photography to this event and have watched this project take shape. They live directly across the street and cannot wait for the grand opening.



Webster Alum and Pontiac historian and mover and shaker Wendell Woods sharing stories about his time at Webster.

If you missed out on this event, fear not! There will be other parties in the near future as we are finishing construction and tenants begin to move in early 2025.

Stay tuned for a grand opening event in

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