

Donations fund scoreboards for Saratoga Springs Recreation and Community Center

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SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Saratoga Springs Recreation and Community Center is finishing the installation process of the new scoreboards for the gymnasium’s basketball court.

The scoreboards, which cost just under \$40,000, were funded by donations from Mayor Scott Johnson and his wife, Julie; The Flaherty Family Foundation; and the Saratoga Casino and Raceway. The Flaherty family also donated three divider walls for the gymnasium.

Brien Hollowood, chair of the Friends of Recreation committee, said the donations have been able to alleviate the burden of Saratoga Springs citizens paying more money in taxes.

“If we didn’t do it this way, all of the costs would have been passed along to the taxpayers in the city,” he said.

Friends of Recreation is a nonprofit organization that raises funds to purchase necessities, such as the scoreboards, that were not included in the bonding used to finance construction of the Recreation Center.

Hollowood believes adding the scoreboards is just another step toward improving the community. The recreation center, once completed, will be an asset to the community in the long run and will help bring people to Saratoga Springs' hotels and restaurants, he added.

Donations are still needed for other items waiting to be added to the recreation center, including a public address system, a batting cage and a playground, Hollowood said.

Anyone who would like to help the Friends of Recreation complete the Recreation and Community Center should contact Brien Hollowood at bhollowood@upsaratoga.com.