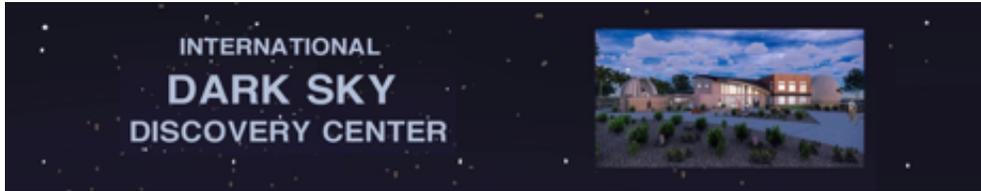




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Dear IDSDC Friends and Enthusiasts,

Thank you for your interest in the International Dark Sky Discovery Center. This is the first email update and we'd like to begin with wishing you a happy holiday season. And while we're at it, a Happy New Year, too!!

Much has been accomplished in the first year:

- created an Arizona non-profit corporation,
- wrote by-laws,
- applied for and achieved 501(c)3 status,
- worked with ASU on a feasibility study,
- designed a floor plan,
- identified a location and received unanimous support from the Town Council,
- worked with an architect to develop architectural renderings,
- developed printed materials and a website,
- obtained support statements from key leaders including ASU President Dr. Michael Crow and Governor Doug Ducey, and
- planned an unveiling event for the renderings.

Since the October 16 unveiling, which generated statewide publicity, presentations have been given to 11 groups with several more scheduled.

Our current focus is fundraising with a goal of \$18 million. Naming rights opportunities are being offered for the entire facility and the four major components. A lead gift of \$9 million awards naming rights for the IDSDC and gifts of \$2 million or \$2.5 million offers naming rights for one of the four major components, which are:

****Dark Sky Observatory *Hyperspace Planetarium***
****Inspiration Theater *Immersion Zone***

With the work of our Board along with your help and support, we are optimistic that major donors will be found and inspired to be a part of this unique project. We already have some exciting things happening that we hope will continue to move forward and can report on in the coming months.

Major fundraising does incur costs -- maintaining a website, printing materials, etc. etc. Any donation amount is appreciated. With a donation of \$100 or more, you can "Join Our Launch Crew" and have your name on a plaque that will be prominently displayed in the IDSDC. The IDSDC is a 501(c)3 organization and contributions are tax deductible. To donate, you can mail the card below, or you can make a donation with your credit card via PayPal on our website here: <https://darkskycenter.org/contact/>

In closing, we wish you the best and thank you for your support of this project.

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