



# THE FOUNDATION OF A *Lifetime*



## How Will My Brick Help the School?

The profits from the bricks we sell will help fund major capital improvements:

- ✓ 1. Installing energy efficient central air conditioning and air filtration systems to improve the air quality in the basement.
- ✓ 2. Installing an on-demand water heater.
- 3. Upgrading the two bathrooms downstairs to replace leaking toilets and out-of-date plumbing with newer systems that conserve more water.
- 4. Updating the flooring and lower wall covering in the basement.
- 5. Installing a mop sink and cleaning closet on the building's main floor.
- 6. Repairing the building's foundation that has weakened over time.
- 7. Creating a long-term sustainable building fund to prepare the school for future capital projects or emergencies.

The campaign also directly serves our commitment to stewardship and sustainability. We are engaged in a long-term effort to make our aging building as energy efficient as possible, in order to cut our energy costs and contribute to our society's long-term environmental sustainability. Every improvement will be done with concern for the environment and will use the most eco-friendly technology possible.

- ✓ The Douglas County Community Foundation has provided a generous grant to fund a substantial portion of these projects.

# 50 YEARS OF BRICKS AND MORTAR



# History

The Lawrence Community Nursery School was founded in 1948 as a racially integrated, low cost parent cooperative. Today LCNS is the second oldest operating parent cooperative preschool in the nation, and those principles remain paramount.

The school was housed in at least eight churches and schools for its first six years. In the spring of 1955, the members started a three-year building fund campaign, chaired by Dr. Helen Gilles, to buy a permanent home for the nursery school. The campaign was a huge success.

In March of 1956, more than two years ahead of schedule, Dr. Gilles presented the idea of buying the Wesleyan Methodist Church at the corner of 7th and Alabama. In August of 1956, the board put a down payment on the church. In September of 1956, they voted to paint the school "barn red with white trim." This is how the building remains today, and it has become a permanent fixture in the Old West Lawrence neighborhood.



## Buy a Brick for the Future

Celebrating 50 years at the Little Red Schoolhouse is remarkable, but the aging building is in need of repair. The *50 Years of Bricks and Mortar, The Foundation of a Lifetime* campaign hopes to address current building needs and create a building fund to sustain the school into the future.

We are selling commemorative red clay bricks to line the walkway from Alabama Street up to the sidewalk in front of the gate. The bricks will surround a limestone step dedicated to the building's 50th anniversary.

School supporters may choose from two sizes of bricks that can be inscribed as they wish. They are a great reminder that people are the true foundation of the Lawrence Community Nursery School.

**A 4"x8" brick is \$100.00 and can be engraved with up to 16 characters per line on three lines.**

**An 8"x8" brick is \$250.00 and can be engraved with up to 16 characters per line on six lines.**



**Please complete the order form. We encourage you to reach out to your family and friends who may also be interested in preserving a memory at the school.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brick Size (check one):**

4"x8" (\$100.00)

8"x8" (\$250.00)

**Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Engraved Message:**

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Line #5\*

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Line #6\*

\*Lines 4, 5, and 6 are available for the 8"x8" size only.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

LCNS

**MAIL ORDERS TO:**

LCNS Building Fund

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