

## Akron Community Center

Akron Indiana is a town that cares about its future and the people that make it a hometown to be proud of.

The Akron Lions Club, The Akron Revitalization Committee and the town of Akron are the personification of progressive planning for this town with a population of 1,046 located in Fulton County. These groups have spearheaded a project for building a Community Center that will be located near Pike Memorial Park in the town of Akron.

The Akron Community Center is designed as a multiple-use center for weddings, reunions, meetings, seminars, conventions, town meetings and other community events.

The Fulton County Community Foundation (FCCF) saw the merit in the \$1.3 million dollar project and granted \$18,200 in the 2004 granting cycle to promote a fundraising campaign. A \$5,000 grant in 2003 was also given by the FCCF to help the club hire an architect for a building design. Not only has the FCCF pitched in to help, but the local Hispanic community has worked to raise money for the project, as have businesses and organizations such as Pike Memorial Park, Hoffman Body Shop, Lake City Bank. Even the Akron Elementary School students have pitched in to help raise funds.



John Brown, head of the Akron Lions Club's Building Task Force, said the town of Akron and Akron Revitalization Committee are partnering with the Akron Lions Club to build the center. The building will be on the west side of Indiana 14 North, adjacent to Pike Memorial Park. Brown said estimated the cost of the project will be \$1.3 million. Current plans call for a 10,000 square foot building with a 320-seat banquet hall, two 16-seat conference rooms, a 30-seat community room and warming kitchen.

All available grant programs are being explored, Brown said. The project could take as long as three years. The total raised thus far is \$113,964. These funds are held in a Non-Permanent Fund with the NICF. You can send your own tax deductible contribution to the Akron Lions Club, P.O. Box 621, Akron, IN 46910, or to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation office.