

La Casa receives \$10,000 challenge grant to build centralized library

Donations from community now accepted

WAUKESHA — During La Casa de Esperanza's 53rd annual gala on Feb. 23, Tony and Andrea Bryant announced that they will be offering the charter school a challenge grant of \$10,000 to go towards a new centralized library. The Bryant family is challenging the community to donate towards the project in the amount of \$10,000. They will then match that amount with another \$10,000.

"We are eager to start our centralized library for all kinds of reading, cultural activities, access to information, knowledge building, deep thinking and lively discussion," said La Casa President and CEO Anselmo Villarreal. "Our school library will inspire curiosity, innovation and problem-solving."

According to a press release from La Casa, the value of reading is a critical moment for positive transformation in education and can be a turning point for the role of reading in children's lives. Statistically, these benefits are greater among minority students, economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities. With that in mind a new library can be one key component to closing the educational achievement gap.

The goal of the challenge must be met by May 5. La Casa administrators are encouraging those considering a donation to visit and see firsthand the accomplishments of the school.

Donations can be made online at www.lacasadeesperanza.org, or mailed to La Casa de Esperanza, 410 Arcadian Ave. Waukesha, WI 53186. A GoFundMe page has been set up at www.gofundme.com/la-casa-de-esperanza-library.