

# NEW DARBE MEHR BUILDING PROJECT AT 106 POMONA ROAD, SUFFERN, NEW YORK

## OUR MISSION

To build a new Darbe Mehr that reflects a Zoroastrian ambience and better fulfills the cultural, religious and social needs of the current community and future generations. This would encourage active participation of the growing community and maintain Zarathushti identity, while preserving cultural traditions and creating a sense of belonging for members.



## CASE FOR CHANGE

The present Darbe Mehr is located on a beautiful 3.5-acre property. However, the building is not functional for our needs as it is too small for cultural, religious and social community gatherings and events (Navroze, Navjote / Sudreh-Pushi Ceremonies, Weddings, Conferences etc.). Furthermore, its prayer hall is inadequate and the outside façade has no Zoroastrian character. The building requires extensive repairs, maintenance and updates. Renovation and expansion to current code was considered and found, not only to be almost as expensive as new construction, but still lacking in Zoroastrian character.

## NEEDS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

With community input, a 22,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art building that reflects a Zoroastrian ambience has been designed. This building incorporates the identified needs of our community:

- A Prayer Hall that accommodates 100 people & includes features resembling an Atash Khadeh,
- A large Main Hall that seats close to 400 people and has good acoustics,
- An inviting outside façade and Foyer,
- A formal Library,
- Seven Class / Meeting Rooms,
- A Recreation / Game Room,
- A well equipped Kitchen and Serving Area,
- Adequate Restroom facilities, and
- A spacious Coatrium.

## ESTIMATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:

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| Building  | \$3,431,000        |
| Site Improvements                               | \$1,045,000        |
| Estimate of Exclusions                          | \$ 124,000         |
| <b>ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST (\$4.6 MIL)</b> | <b>\$4,600,000</b> |

## CURRENT FUNDING STATUS:

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| Estimated Total Project Cost                      | \$4,600,000 |
| Total Capital Campaign Donations & Formal Pledges | \$4,023,552 |

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| <b>FUNDING GAP AS OF APRIL 2, 2015</b> | <b>\$ 576,457</b> |
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To show your support and help reduce our funding gap, please make checks payable to 'DMZT' and mail to, Minu Dutia, DMZT Treasurer, 1 Broadview Drive, Medford, NJ 08055

*For more information and naming rights please contact Edul Daver at [eduldaver@gmail.com](mailto:eduldaver@gmail.com) (908)387-4443 or Toos Daruvala at [toosdaruvala@aol.com](mailto:toosdaruvala@aol.com) (917)626-3570. For stock donations and wire transfer information please contact Minu Dutia at [dutiaminu@yahoo.com](mailto:dutiaminu@yahoo.com) (609)654-0415.*

## FUNDS DISBURSEMENT TIMELINE:

Funds Expended through April 2, 2015 for construction & site improvement \$ 1,592,345

Projected Funds Release (April 2015 – December 2015):

6 months through September 2015 \$ 2,100,000 approx. (1/6<sup>th</sup> each month)

Following 3 months through December 2015 \$ 907,655 approx. (1/3<sup>rd</sup> each month)

Target Completion Date: Winter 2015

## ADDITIONAL OPERATING COST REQUIREMENT:

Estimated additional funds to be generated annually by ZAGNY & IZA: **\$23–36,000 approx.**

Sources of Additional Operating Funds: Membership Dues, Event Fees, Special Fundraisers, and Individual Donations.

## DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS

The entire property, including the new Darbe Mehr building, will continue to be called the “Arbab Rustam Guiv Darbe Mehr Zoroastrian Temple” in honor of our original benefactor.

Donors for the new Darbe Mehr building will be recognized appropriately at the various donation levels – \$1,000 - \$4,999; \$5,000 - \$9,999; \$10,000 - \$14,999; \$15,000 - \$24,999; \$25,000 - \$49,999; \$50,000 - \$99,999.

Donors contributing over \$100,000 or more, will be recognized by appropriate room naming rights at the various donation levels –

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| \$100,000 - \$199,999 | Class rooms, Meeting rooms, Upper Foyer etc. *                    |
| \$200,000 - \$299,999 | Library, Rec. Room, Meal Serving Room, Kitchen, Main Foyer etc. * |
| \$300,000 - \$399,999 | Main Hall **  |
| \$400,000 and above   | Prayer Hall **  |

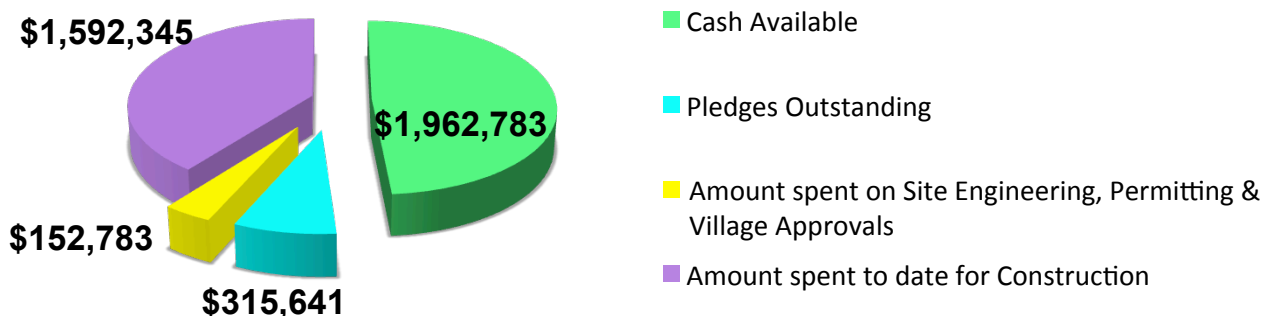
\* Additional rooms / areas may be allocated room naming rights if the number of donors at the \$100,000 and \$200,000 donation levels exceed the number of rooms currently available.

\*\* If there are multiple donors at this level, all such donors will be recognized for the respective room.

The existing Darbe Mehr Donation Recognition Board will continue to be displayed at a suitable area in the New Darbe Mehr.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATISTICS: FUNDS

### TOTAL DONATIONS / PLEDGES AS OF APRIL 2, 2015 - \$4,023,552

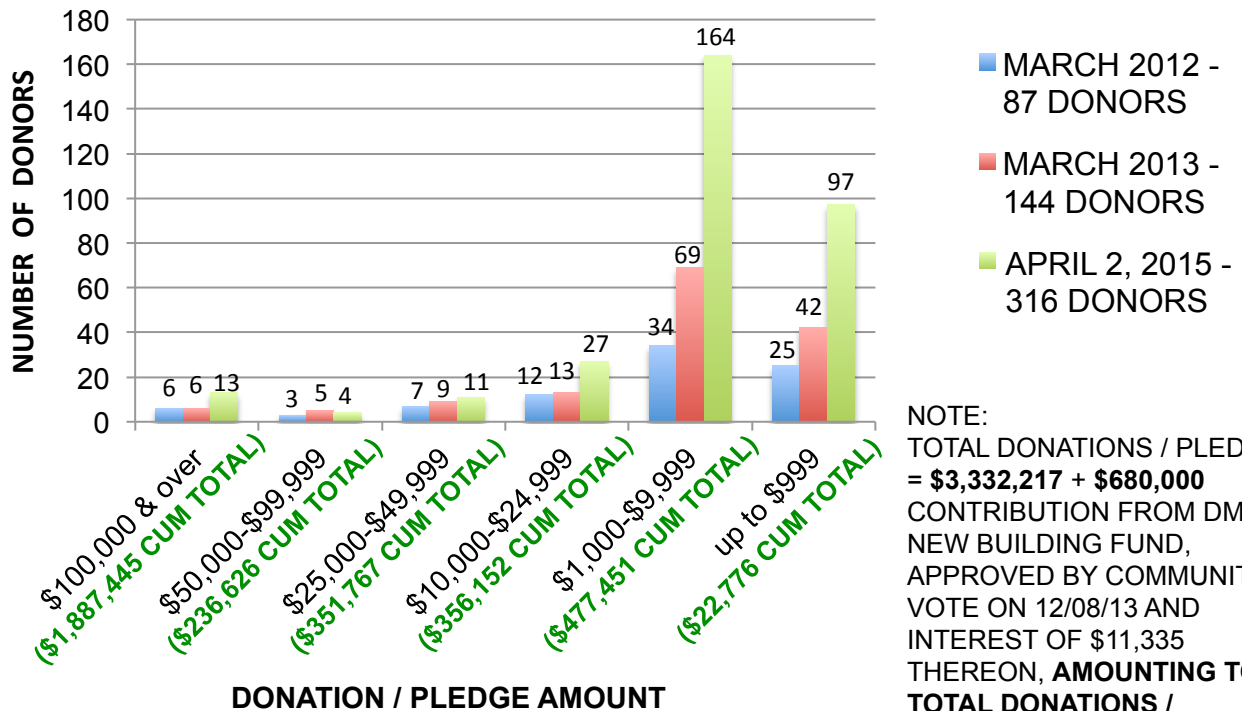


**NOTE:** CASH AVAILABLE INCLUDES \$680,000 DMZT FUNDS APPROVED BY THE COMMUNITY ON 12/08/13 AND INTEREST OF \$11,335 THEREON

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATISTICS: DONORS

## DONOR STATISTICS AS OF APRIL 2, 2015

WE CURRENTLY HAVE **316** FAMILIES ON OUR GROWING DONOR LIST



NOTE:  
TOTAL DONATIONS / PLEDGES = **\$3,332,217 + \$680,000**  
CONTRIBUTION FROM DMZT NEW BUILDING FUND, APPROVED BY COMMUNITY VOTE ON 12/08/13 AND INTEREST OF \$11,335 THEREON, AMOUNTING TO TOTAL DONATIONS / PLEDGES OF **\$4,023,552**.

## CURRENT STATUS AND TIMELINE

### CURRENT STATUS – APRIL 2, 2015:

- ✓ Completed demolition of existing Darbe Mehr building.
- ✓ Property graded.
- ✓ Underground storm water retention system completed.
- ✓ Building foundation footings completed.
- ✓ Floor slab poured & steel structure frame erected.
- ✓ Roof framing completed.
- ✓ Elevator shaft completed.



For an up-to-date status of the project visit [www.dmzt.org](http://www.dmzt.org) or email us: [contact@dmzt.org](mailto:contact@dmzt.org)

## TIMELINE:

- **PROJECT INITIATED** by a committed group of 16 individuals on October 10, 2010.
- **PRESENTED** final plans and estimated costs to the community on October 6, 2013.
- **APPROVED** proposal to start construction by 90.5% majority vote at DMZT Special General Body Meeting on December 8, 2013.
- **FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVALS** obtained from the village of Pomona on March 13, 2014.
- **CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING** held on March 29, 2014.
- **START CONSTRUCTION TRIGGER POINT** of \$3.5 million crossed when additional \$300,000 raised on March 29, 2014.
- **CONTRACT AWARDED** to REDCOM Design & Construction, LLC on May 9, 2014.
- **FAREWELL** Jashan and dinner for existing Darbe Mehr on July 5, 2014.
- **FINAL SITE PERMITS** received August 5, 2014.
- **CONSTRUCTION STARTED** August 6, 2014.
- **RAISE** the final \$1 Million during the construction period.
- **COMPLETE** construction of the new building by December 2015.

