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Dear Rainbow Family and Friends,

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is proud to be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2022. Generations of Rainbow Girls have passed through our Order and gone on to take their place in the world. Our lessons are as relevant today as when they were written. The leadership and character building skills taught in Rainbow, combined with our charitable and service projects, have made and are making a real difference. Our organization is needed now more than ever to produce future leaders and maintain family values.

At the heart of Rainbow, our Supreme Temple serves as home to every Rainbow Girl in the world – past and present – and stands as a testament to the wisdom of our founders who designed the building for multiple purposes. Here are not only working offices where staff conduct business and provide services and supplies for today's Rainbow Girls, but also collections of Rainbow memorabilia and artifacts, historic documents and displays, meeting rooms and a magnificent assembly room for special ceremonies.

The Supreme Rainbow Temple has withstood 65 years of gentle use, yet despite the care it has been given, we have a failing HVAC system which is beyond repair. It is now a critical matter as we are unable to control the interior climate of the building which affects staff working conditions, equipment, artifacts and furnishings.

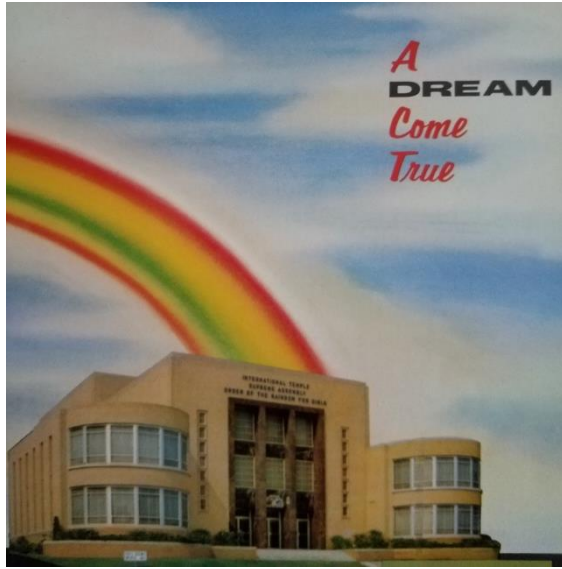
We are embarking upon a Century Campaign to raise funds to restore our Supreme Temple to full health in time for our Centennial Celebration. A campaign overview and donation form is attached. Please review this information thoughtfully.

The Supreme Temple was built “by Rainbow Girls for Rainbow Girls”, yet we must now ask for your help. We need the financial assistance of our fraternal family and friends in rising to this critical challenge of restoring our Supreme Temple - the heart of our organization – and securing it as the home for every Rainbow Girl yet to come! Please consider a generous donation today.

In Rainbow Friendship and Service,
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The Organization

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG) was founded in 1922 by W. Mark Sexson in McAlester, Oklahoma, and has grown to become an international service organization for girls ages 11 to 20. Rainbow prepares girls for responsible and purposeful adulthood. With distinguished alumnae including prominent professionals from all walks of life, Rainbow has active assemblies in forty-six states and eight countries around the world. Through leadership training, challenging study, and meaningful public service projects, girls learn important life lessons. In addition to countless hours of community service, members raise hundreds of thousands of dollars each year for world class charities. The International Order of The Rainbow for Girls is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization.

The Supreme Temple

The Rainbow Temple was built in 1951 in the heart of McAlester, Oklahoma, where it endures as a historic landmark and the center of Rainbow activity. Designed by our founders as a working headquarters of functional offices, supply and shipping departments, it also included archival and ceremonial capabilities. Built with funds collected “by Rainbow Girls for Rainbow Girls”, this historic building houses artifacts from Rainbow Girls all over the world. A visit to the Rainbow Temple is the dream of a lifetime for every Rainbow Girl, past and present - a place she is welcome to call her own and find her treasures on display.

The International headquarters is a three story brick, steel and concrete structure flanked on either side by half circle windows composed of seven sections of glass windows representing the seven colors of the Rainbow. Materials for the building came from throughout the world: red granite from Minnesota, brick from Texas, stone from Indiana, marble from Vermont, terrazzo from Italy, hardware from Connecticut, tile from California, doors from New York, windows from Florida, and roofing and flooring from Oklahoma. This amalgamation of materials symbolically reflects the international significance of the organization. It is architecturally significant as an excellent example of mid-twentieth century Moderne Style building and a unique architectural representation of IORG. The Supreme Temple was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2013.

The Supreme Temple serves as Rainbow’s world-wide headquarters. Our staff direct and support the business affairs of Rainbow, maintain our database and records, manage our supply and shipping departments and provide administrative support for all programs and projects from this location.

Restoration and Improvement

The Rainbow Temple has been gently used and cared for these six decades in order to maintain it as a center for all Rainbow Girls throughout the world. Nevertheless, resources are now needed to replace the original HVAC system and take other measures to preserve the building and its contents. Since conducting a comprehensive assessment of the building in 2012, the roof was replaced, interior repairs and repainting were done, and plumbing and electrical issues addressed as funds were available. Further restoration has been divided into three phases:

- ~ Phase I - The largest and most urgent issue facing the Supreme Temple is the replacement of the original HVAC system. The expected life span of the HVAC system was 35 years, and the system is now over 65 years old. Major repairs to the system through the years have proven costly and resulted in our inability to maintain sufficient funds to replace the system. It is now a critical matter as replacement parts have become unavailable, making repairs impossible to perform. The HVAC system must be replaced immediately.
- ~ Phase II – Re-glazing and sealing windows and brick grout will prevent leaks and damage to the interior of the building, as well as reduce utility bills and allow the new HVAC system to be more energy efficient.
- ~ Phase III – Establishing a maintenance account will provide funding for maintenance and future major repairs and updates.

Century Celebration

As the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls celebrates its’ 100th anniversary in 2022, the Supreme Temple will be celebrating its’ 70th anniversary. This celebration will recognize the accomplishments of the past while embracing the opportunities of the future. Our Supreme Temple, the heart of our organization, must be preserved for future generations. Together, we can accomplish our goals, and the completion of the Century Campaign will be the testimony to the strength and determination of generations of Rainbow Girls who have learned that, by working together, ***anything is possible.***

Campaign Goal: Raise \$600,000 by Centennial Celebration

➤ **Phase I: Raise \$390,000 to replace HVAC system by 2018**

➤ **Phase II: Raise \$110,000 by 2020 to seal windows and brick to prevent further damage and improve energy efficiency**

➤ **Phase III: Raise \$100,000 by 2022 to maintain the Supreme Temple for generations of Rainbow Girls to come**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

TELEPHONE _____

- My employer will match my gift. Please contact me regarding the process.
- Please send me information about making a bequest
- I am enclosing a check
- I prefer to charge my gift on my credit card.

CARD NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____

CVV SECURITY CODE _____

SIGNATURE _____

Campaign Giving Options

- Century Campaign Gift
 - \$100
 - \$500
 - \$1,000
 - \$5,000
 - \$10,000
 - \$25,000
 - \$100,000
- One-Time Contribution
 - Mail to 315 E. Carl Albert Pkwy McAlester, OK 74501
 - Visit www.gorainbow.org; click the "online giving" link
- Monthly Pledges – Please contact us for details.
- "Go Fund Me" Page – coming soon. Will advise when details are available.
- "Adopt A Part" Program (actual components can be adopted by an assembly or jurisdiction) – Please contact us for details.

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Supreme Assembly, IORG
Heating, Ventilation, Air Condition (HVAC) Update 2
October 16, 2017

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG) reports the following:

- The engineering firm hired by IORG is finalizing the bid specifications for the new HVAC system. After the bid packet is complete, the project will be put out for multiple formal bids. When the deadline for submission is reached, the bids will be reviewed by the engineers and historic architects. Once the bids are submitted, prices are good for only a thirty day period after which a selection of the HVAC firm is made and construction is begun.
- The Century Campaign information has been placed on the Supreme Assembly section of the website.
- Century Campaign brochures have been printed and are being sent to jurisdictions and individuals upon request for distribution to their membership.
- A letter of request for donations and a copy of the Century Campaign brochure have been sent from the Supreme Worthy Advisor to all Masonic Appendant Bodies.
- IORG has been pledged a gift of stock as a method of giving. Additional in kind donations will be gratefully accepted.

The pre-construction phase of the project has now been fully funded. This will open up the opportunity for additional grants from entities that did not offer opportunities for pre-construction funding. The Special Projects Director and Supreme Recorder are continuing their work on obtaining grants. As you are aware, through the years, multiple requests have gone out to the membership and alumni asking for those with experience in grant writing to contact the Supreme Office. IORG is again making this request and would welcome assistance in this area.

IORG has also received several pledges. These pledges are not included in the financial report until actualized. However, the pledges to date total \$112,000.00.

Supreme Assembly, IORG Heating Ventilation, Air Condition (HVAC) UPDATE 1 August 9, 2017

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG) reports the following:

- IORG worked with the Architect from the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office regarding the need to replace the HVAC system. Guidelines were sent to us, and it was recommended that we obtain the services of a historical architect so that we would be in compliance with our historical designation as well as understand the challenges in retrofitting a historical building with a new HVAC system.
- IORG obtained the services of a historical architect and the modeling and animation has been completed.
- IORG has engaged the services of a local licensed architect who will be supervising the bid and construction process and under whose professional license the work will be completed. This eliminates IORG from liability if the HVAC system is installed incorrectly or does not meet specifications.
- IORG, in consultation with our architect, has engaged an engineering firm to perform the necessary Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Assessment which has been completed. *[Note: The bill was paid and then submitted to the Oklahoma Preservation Society and the funds reimbursed from a \$1,500.00 grant award to IORG which meant the MEP Assessment will have cost IORG \$1,750.00 instead of the full \$3,250.00 fee.]*
- The Supreme Executive Board approved the new system and the engineering firm was directed to prepare the bid specifications. The engineering firm submitted a proposal that we have accepted for the design, development, construction documents, and bidding and construction phase of the project. *[Note: The cost of \$21,000, which we have on hand, will be paid upon completion so the bidding process can begin.]*
- This is the current status of the HVAC project.

The MEP Assessment included an estimated cost for the project of \$390,000.00. IORG was told that we are operating a 65 year old system that was designed to last 35 years. The assessment stated that the Supreme Temple was in very good condition overall with the exception being the HVAC system. IORG was told that the electrical system would need to be updated and that cost would be included in the bid.

The Special Projects Director and Supreme Recorder have been working on obtaining grants. The challenge is that many foundations do not award grants for the pre-construction phase which must be completed prior to the actual HVAC installation. They wish to see that actual construction has begun before committing funds. This process is ongoing.

The question has been raised as to the disposition of funds raised through the years for “heating and air”. A review of available records of these funds from 2002-2016 has been conducted and it was found that for this time period \$76,244.32 was expended for repairs and replacement of parts to the HVAC system. These figures were reviewed by the engineers and architects who stated the amount was in keeping with the replacement parts found and the overall condition of the system which has lasted over twice as long as its’ expected life cycle.

The following is a current financial report of the HVAC account:

Financial Report of the HVAC account				
Income	Expense	Balance	Date	Description
		\$ 21,853.26	05/01/16	
	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 14,353.26	06/03/16	paid to local historical architect
\$ 165.00		\$ 14,518.26	12/31/16	donations received May - Dec. 2016
\$ 9,455.00		\$ 23,973.26	04/30/17	donations received Jan. - April 2017
\$ 40,000.00		\$ 63,973.26	05/02/17	per SEB transfer from Temple Fund
	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 60,723.26	05/05/17	paid for MEP assessment
	\$ 5,325.00	\$ 55,398.26	05/05/17	paid to local historical architect
\$ 12,607.14		\$ 68,005.40	08/09/17	donations received May 2017 up to date