Casa Italiana Italian cultural center



Making a century-long dream a reality.



Please join us as we invest in the future of our Italian culture and heritage for the generations to come... an Italian Cultural Center bringing all of the Pacific Northwest Italian organizations and community together like never before, united for our children and grandchildren, creating a place we can all call home.

OUR VISION

To create a permanent, ongoing, physical space dedicated to embracing and renewing the joy and vibrant diversity of the soul and spirit of Italy, including its historical, linguistic, and culinary significance.

OUR MISSION

To host a wide variety of cultural, educational and historical activities to serve the Pacific Northwest community.

To preserve the rich traditions of Italian culture by sponsoring lectures, classes, conferences, study groups, culinary and social events, mentorship programs and scholarships.

Casa Italiana will showcase the contributions made to the world by Italians, and honor their legacy. Casa will be the undisputed center of Italian culture in the Pacific Northwest.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Martin Nigrelle Brian DiJulio Audrey Manzanares Jeff Vert Gennaro "Jerry" Mascio Franco Tesorieri Joe Megale Tom Grossi Joyce Morinaka Christopher Alfieri Therese Bianchi

OUR HISTORY & OBJECTIVES

For over 100 years Italian immigrants have left their imprint on the Pacific Northwest. They labored as truck farmers in the Duwamish Valley, and toiled in the Black Diamond Coal Mines. They dug the sewers and paved the streets that became the foundation of the City of Seattle. They manufactured delicious Italian specialty food products and eventually provided the first Italian American state governor in America.

Italian immigrants' strong belief in family and dedication to work was a key factor to their success. Theirs was a fervent desire to provide a better life for future generations and to keep the Italian heritage alive. We are thankful to the Italian immigrants that came before us, filling our hearts and souls with the rich culture and customs of the Italian homeland.

It is in this vein that we've long dreamed of a central location in which to honor these forefathers and pass on their contributions as an example to the coming generations and to the broader community that holds it dear.



Now is the time to make that dream a reality. Your support will allow all Pacific Northwest Italian organizations and community members to have a rallying point from which to extend their unique traditions to all those of Italian descent, as well as those who simply love the culture, foods and sounds of all things Italian.

Let us all unite for the future of the Italian community in the Pacific Northwest, securing that sense of unity for the next century and beyond.





PLANNED FEATURES

- Italian Library and Italian Language Classes
- Italian American Historical Museum with Focus on Pacific Northwest Immigrants
- Office of the Honorary Italian Consul
- Large Banguet and Meeting Hall (300 people)
- Full Commercial and Catering Kitchen
- Array of Event and Space Rentals
- Small Meeting Rooms
- Italian Espresso and Food Bar
- Ample Parking for 100 plus
- Scholarship and Mentoring Programs

INITIAL PURCHASE, DEVELOPMENT & FACILITY OPERATION

FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$3 MILLION

Casa Italiana - Italian Cultural Center is pleased to announce the purchase of a new home for the Italian community located in Burien, Washington. The new Casa Italiana is a 501(c)3 organization under IRS rules.

Phase I - Purchase

The purchase of the \$1.3 million dollar property was anchored with generous donations totaling \$450,000 dollars from the original Casa Italiana, II Punto and private donors.

The property is presently producing the necessary revenue to cover the interest payments to the seller, while funding is raised to pay off the residual loan and the initial renovation.

Phase II - Renovation/Construction

Approximately \$1,700,000 must be collected over the next year for construction of a banquet hall and commercial kitchen and other building upgrades to accommodate the wide variety of events so dear to the Italian community. In-kind donations will be welcomed for this phase. Construction materials, labor by licensed professional construction companies and individuals, experienced design and furnishing professionals, equipment etc. are examples of great ways to contribute to the cause!

Phase III - Pay Off

Pay off seller note of \$850,000 by the end of 2023.

Other projects may require additional fundraising campaigns as Casa Italiana expands, while remaining aligned with its mission objectives.

A transition team will oversee the timeline, renovation projects and site upgrades under the direction of the Casa Italiana Board of Directors, consisting of representatives from participating organizations. Once completed, Casa will be opened in stages, overseen by a management team, and an onsite manager for logistics, marketing and event planning, etc.







Overhead View – Proposed





DONOR LEVELS

• Founder (\$100,000 plus)

Naming rights to the Banquet Room, Café, Museum or any other room in the center (on a first-come, first-served basis). Recognition as a Founder on the Donors Wall. Special Commemorative Cultural Center Pin.

• Grand Benefactor (\$50,000 - \$99,999)

Naming rights to a room on site, other than those reserved for founders (on a first-come, first-served basis). Recognition as a Grand Benefactor on the Donors Wall. Special Commemorative Cultural Center Pin.

• Benefactor (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

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• Patron (\$10,000 - \$24,999)

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• Legacy (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

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• Charter (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

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• Sponsor (\$500 - \$2,499)

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• Amici (\$100 – \$499)

Recognition as one of the Amici on the Donors Wall. Special Cultural Center Commemorative Pin.



SPECIAL DONORS

• Estate Bequest

Special, lifetime recognition to memorialize the donor and family. Other benefits to be negotiated depending upon the donor level.

• In-kind Donations

We welcome in-kind donations for building and site development and other intrinsic services as the project progresses.

Securities Donations, Corporate Donor Matches and Required Minimum Distributions

Please contact us to discuss these possibilities.

DONATION BENEFITS

Join us in creating an Italian Cultural Center that not only celebrates all that is Italian, but also preserves the Italian immigrant history in the Pacific Northwest and allows for its continued growth.

Please look over the various levels of contribution and the corresponding recognition you will receive at the Casa Italiana, forever marking your generous contribution in making this century-long dream a reality.

Grazie!







 PHOTO CREDITS - COVER: Joe Desimon Produce Truck (Festa Italiana Seattle)
F. Buono Carpenters & Cabinet Makers and Nick Vena Shoe Repair (Frank Buono Family) San Gennaro Feast (Margie Nicosia)
Padine Family Atlantic Street Grocery (Rainier Valley Historical Society)
INSIDE: Italian Mutual Benefit Society at Mt. Virgin Church. (John and Joyce Ditore) San Gennaro Festival (Margie Nicosia)
La Mezzanotte Trio at Festa Italiana Seattle (Festa Italiana Seattle)
Mascio family immigrants arriving at Ellis Island (Gennaro Mascio) Scuola Operaia Italiana (Il Punto! Italian Cultural Center) Carnevale Celebration (Margie Nicosia)
BACK COVER: Pre Vacca's Garden Patch (Rainier Valley Historical Society) Seattle Italian Picnic (Margie Nicosia)

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