

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR EHS ENTRY PLAZA RENOVATION

Buy a brick or a paver for East High School's new "Gateway to Learning" Entry Plaza project and you will become a lasting partner in upgrading the entrance to the venerable building at 16th and the Esplanade, across from City Park. The project is being spearheaded by Project Angel Pride, a non-profit group founded in 2003 to plan and implement improvements to the school's grounds.

Over the years, students, parents, alumni, faculty and neighbors of East, working under the umbrella of Project Angel Pride, have completed a wide-ranging number of capital improvement projects. Project Angel Pride's current fundraising efforts have raised more than \$40,000.00 toward the eventual Entry Plaza renovation costs of approximately \$250,000.00. Design is complete. Preliminary approvals from both the Landmark Commission and the Denver School Board are in hand. Construction is scheduled for the summer of 2010, provided all project funds are raised by March 2010.

"Particularly in these difficult times, all of the community is encouraged to take part in this important project to renovate the Entry Plaza, not only to create a larger social gathering place, but also to create an inspiring first impression of East High School, the gateway to learning," said Project Angel Pride Chair Mark Hoskin.

Donors can choose from a commemorative brick with a personal inscription for a donation of \$100.00, or from a larger cornerstone, capstone, or keystone paver with a timeless quotation and personal inscription for a donation of \$1,000.00, \$5,000.00, or \$25,000.00. All donations may be tax-deductible and may be eligible for an Enterprise Zone tax credit from the State of Colorado. To order your own commemorative brick or paver for the Entry Plaza Renovation visit www.ProjectAngelPride.org or contact Susan Bardwell at 303-399-1155 or susanbardwell@msn.com.

Project Angel Pride has raised funds for and constructed bleachers, field lighting, and an outdoor score board. It has spearheaded other significant projects, as well. The Esplanade, the historic parkway connecting Colfax Avenue and City Park, was recently reconstructed in its original configuration under the direction of Project Angel Pride, as part of the city's effort to improve the Montclair Basin storm drainage. A wide roadway with challenging, back-in diagonal parking was replaced with broad lawns, single drive lanes, parallel parking, and bike paths. East's tennis courts were relocated at Project Angel Pride's suggestion to City Park, where they are shared under a joint use agreement with the City and County of Denver.

Long neglected gardens, trees, and lawns have blossomed under the watchful eye of Project Angel Pride. The landmark clock tower once again keeps correct time because of the help of a small group of dedicated community volunteers. East High School was placed on the National Register of Historic Places through the efforts of Project Angel Pride and the historic preservation community. Denver Enterprise Zone (DEZ) status was recently extended to include not only the eventual restoration of the Sullivan Gateway,

but also the upcoming renovation of the Entry Plaza, providing the opportunity for additional tax benefits for donors.

First constructed in its current location in 1925 in a park-like setting south of City Park, East High School serves Denver's downtown neighborhoods with one of the city's pre-eminent college preparatory programs. It is the largest high school in Denver Public Schools, with about 2,200 students. Additional information about East High School, Project Angel Pride, and the Entry Plaza Renovation Project can be found either at www.eastangels.org or at www.eastangelalliance.org.