

JESSE OWENS MEMORIAL PARK BOARD

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Lawrence County, Alabama
Birthplace of Jesse Owens

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September 29, 1995

Mr. Patrick Graham, Superintendent
Lawrence County Board of Education
14131 Market St.
Moulton, AL 35650

Dear Mr. Graham:

The Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board requests the \$4,000 allotted by the Lawrence County Drug and Recreation Committee.

We appreciate these funds which will assist the Board in developing the Jesse Owens Memorial Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Pinion".

James Pinion
Board Member

c: Philip Reich
Grady Rose

Opportunities For Investors

Private and corporate funds are needed to complete the development of the planned facilities at the Jesse Owens Memorial Park. Investment in one or all the facilities needed and their cost are listed by priority as follows:

(Grand Total - \$630,084)

MUSEUM BUILDING: \$222,800

48' x 48' (@ \$75/sq. ft.,
includes office, storage, restroom.
gallery, gift shop and museum furnishings

GROUNDS: \$160,234

Playground equipment, Timberform \$ 15,600

Two polygon pavilions (each) \$ 10,400

20' x 20' x 6", concrete slabs

Twenty pavilion picnic tables (4 tables/pavilion) \$ 7,280

Public restroom, storage, 16' x 20', splitface block \$ 30,000

Four drinking fountains - vandal proof, frost proof \$ 7,280

Four security lights \$ 9,360

Fencing, park perimeter 3,490 ft., rustic, wood, \$ 9,074

2 rail (materials only)

Two parking lots, #1 - 12 spaces. \$ 27,040

#2 - 40 spaces

Landscaping plant materials, trees, shrubs, sod, parks, \$ 7,800

(Museum Gold Medallion Court, Welcome Center)

Irrigation (Museum & Gold Medallion Court grounds) \$ 6,500

PVC pipe - water, irrigation, restroom \$ 6,500

Two septic tanks & field lines \$ 7,800

Twenty rustic park benches \$ 5,200

WELCOME & INFORMATION CENTER \$ 32,500

TRACK: \$123,500

440 yards, regulation 8 lines

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October 6, 1995

Mr. James E. Pinion
County Agent-Coordinator
Auburn University
13075 AL Hwy. 157, Suite 6
Moulton, AL 35650

Dear Mr. Pinion:

Please forgive the delay in forwarding the attached names to you for mailing of invitations. I was waiting for another list of the IAAA board members but it has not arrived so here is what I have.

We hope that everything is moving along smoothly for you and the Park Board. You must be very excited about the impending events and the eyes of the world on Oakville. I have spoken with Branko several times and know that he is very busy working on the sculpture. He has sent pictures and we have made a few corrections. The last set of photos were great.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need from us. We are happy to help in any way we can.

Sincerely,



Marlene O. Rankin
Executive Director

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Funds Received & Planned Use

1. \$ 4,200 Ab. Council on The Arts - Owens Statue
 2. \$ 435 Individuals - Owens Statue
 3. \$ 94,000 ARC grant - Owens Statue & Gold Medalist Court.
 4. \$ 80,000 Land & Water grant - Restrooms, Concession stand, Pavillians.
 5. \$ 10,000 Forestry grant - Front fence, gate and park sign.
 6. \$ 11,800 - RC & D grant - Fencing softball field and part of boundary.
 7. \$ 12,440 Oakville fund raising Committee, Law. Co. Comm, State Rep & Sen, Champion - Maintain equip & Misc expenses.
 8. \$ 4,000 Lawrence Co. Drug & Rec. Committee - Jones Owens Home Replica.
 9. \$ 5,000 per year - United Way - maintenance & general operations.
 10. \$ 3,700 Law Co. Comm - Fertilizer, lime, grass seed.
 11. \$ 26,500 Barrett Shelter - Welcome Center.
 12. \$ 1,000 Joyce & Curtis Cole - Purchase fund raising materials.
 13. \$ 10,000 Law. Co. Comm - Basket ball & Tennis Court.
 14. \$ 15,000 State Olympic Committee - Jones Owens Home Replica & Torch Relay Ceremony.
 15. \$ 30,000 Law. Co. Comm - Architect
- Total - \$ 308,275
- In - Kind \$ 92,000

BARRETT C. SHELTON, JR.

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DECATUR, AL 35601

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PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

Jesse Green Memorial Park Board

\$ 26,500.

Twenty-six thousand five hundred

DOLLARS



First American Bank

Decatur, Alabama 35602 01

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B. C. Shelton

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October 17, 1995

Dear Honorable Governor James:

The Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board invites and solicits your financial support in achieving our goal of completing the Jesse Owens Memorial Park, located at his birthplace, Oakville, Alabama.

The Olympic Torch will visit the Park on Saturday, June 29, 1996, to honor and give tribute to this all-time track great and 1936 Olympic hero.

The Board is working non-stop to complete the Park before that eventful day. The Jesse Owens family will be here from Chicago to unveil an 8-1/2 ft. bronze statue of Owens. In addition, the statue and home replica will be dedicated. If funding needs are met, this dedication will include the museum.

This celebration at Oakville will be a high profile media event. Expected to attend are past Alabama Olympic athletes, other well-known athletes, state dignitaries, as well as the many people drawn to such a once-in-a-lifetime event for our area. There will be coverage from all major television networks, international press and radio.

To accomplish our goal, we hope to secure private and corporate sponsorship. We have made satisfactory progress to date, but our time frame to complete the park has been shortened by the Olympic Torch visit to Oakville. There is much work to be done.

The enclosed proposal gives more details of Park facilities needing funding and completion prior to June 29, 1996.

We sincerely solicit your investment in this perpetual memorial to Owens and in the accompanying Olympic Torch celebration. Due to the short time frame under which we are operating, we ask that you make every effort to respond at your earliest convenience.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our proposal.

Sincerely,

James Pinion
Project Director

**THE JESSE OWENS MEMORIAL PARK BOARD
INVITES**

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

**TO INVEST IN THE
JESSE OWENS MEMORIAL PARK**

**PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE
JESSE OWENS MEMORIAL PARK BOARD**

BY

**JAMES PINION, PROJECT DIRECTOR
THERMAN WHITE, JESSE OWENS MEMORIAL PARK BOARD CHAIRMAN**

OCTOBER 1995

Executive Summary

The Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board invites The State of Alabama to invest in the Jesse Owens Memorial Park. (Facility needs list enclosed.)

The purpose of the Jesse Owens Memorial Park is to provide a living memorial to Jesse Owens, to honor and perpetuate his athletic achievements and sportsmanship, as well as his accomplishments as an individual. This will be accomplished in two ways. (1) By providing athletic and passive recreational facilities to Oakville and area residents. (2) By providing educational and historic facilities which will attract visitors to Oakville to visit the Jesse Owens statue, home replica, museum and related memorabilia.

Jesse Owens, world renowned track star and Olympian, was born in 1913 in Oakville, Alabama, located eight miles east of Moulton in Lawrence County, Alabama.

Snubbed by Adolph Hitler at the 1936 Olympics in Germany, Owens won four Olympic gold medals for our country and breaking three world records in one day. These major feats shattered Hitler's theory of Aryan superiority which he so boastfully proclaimed.

In 1950, the Associated Press recognized Owens as the "greatest track man of the century". His accomplishments have contributed more to his sport than any other track star, past or present. In 1970, he was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Even after his death in 1980, Owens' contributions are still being appreciated in our country. In 1990, President George Bush presented Mrs. Ruth Owens, widow of Jesse Owens, with a fifth gold medal, The Congressional Medal of Honor, for his humanitarian contribution in the race of life.

Contributions to the Jesse Owens Memorial Park represent an investment opportunity for Alabama. For years to come, citizens from all walks of life will travel to Oakville to enjoy this living memorial honoring a great American. Alabama's contribution will be appropriately recognized by all who visit the Memorial Park.

Jesse Owens Memorial Park

The Park consists of 17.5 acres located in Oakville where Jesse Owens was born.

Oakville is in Lawrence County in the northwest portion of Alabama, 118 miles south of Nashville, Tennessee; 45 miles west of Huntsville, Alabama; 142 miles east of Memphis, Tennessee; 90 miles north of Birmingham, Alabama; and 200 miles west of Atlanta, Georgia.

Projected cost to complete the Memorial Park is \$1,140,380.

Total Park investments made to date are ~~\$384,450~~^{\$92,250}. These funds from private, corporate, and public sources have made possible the following:

Land purchase, site preparation including: drainage, park road, grounds development, and water line trenching

Park maintenance equipment

Front fence, park sign and gate

Ball field fence, dugouts, backstop

Basketball court and goals

27' x 78' large pavilion pad 6"

Three polygon pavilions (Hex, 20 metal)

Jesse Owens Statue (8-1/2 ft. bronze) surrounded by Gold Medallion Court

Home replica

Underground electrical power source and transformer

Public restroom, storage

Welcome and Information Building

Landscaping plant materials for museum and Welcome Center

Opportunities For Investors

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(Grand Total - ~~\$755,930~~ ^{749/30})

MUSEUM BUILDING: \$222,800

48' x 48' @ \$75/sq. ft.,
includes office, storage, restroom,
gallery, gift shop and museum furnishings

GROUNDS: \$160,234

Drainage, perimeter & materials - playground equipment	\$ 36,692
Two polygon pavilions, Hex, 20 metal	\$ 13,000
Ten pavilion picnic tables (2 tables/pavilion)	\$ 8,700
Four drinking fountains - vandal proof, frost proof	\$ 7,280
Four security lights	\$ 9,360
Fencing, park perimeter 3,490 ft., rustic, wood, 2 rail (materials only)	\$ 9,074
Two parking lots, #1 - 12 spaces, #2 - 40 spaces	\$ 27,040
Landscaping plant materials, trees, shrubs, sod	\$ 7,800
Irrigation (Museum & Gold Medallion Court grounds)	\$ 6,500
PVC pipe - water, irrigation, restroom	\$ 6,500
Two septic tanks & field lines	\$ 7,800
Twenty park benches (\$850 each)	\$ 16,500
Six litter receptacles (permanently installed, dome top, liners) \$350 each	\$ 2,100

TRACK: \$123,500

440 yards, regulation 8 lines

SOFTBALL FIELD: \$ 11,050

Sod, 419 hybrid Bermuda sod only
2 bleachers, 5 row set, 21 ft. aluminum, seats 50

CASH NEEDS:

For matching two grants \$ 80,000

All contributions will be recognized by the following plan developed by the Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board.

1. Name placed on the museum "Wall of Contributors".
2. Name listed in contribution album located in Visitor & Welcome Center.
3. Name plate permanently placed on facility(s) sponsored by contributor.
4. Mass media and publications.

Contributions should be made to the Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board which has a 501(C)(3) tax exempt status. The Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board's Tax Exempt Identification Number is 58-1948457.

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October 23, 1995

Mr. Barrett C. Shelton, Jr.
THE DECATUR DAILY
P.O. Box 2213
Decatur, AL 35609-2213

Dear Mr. Shelton,

The Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board sincerely thanks you for your generous contribution of \$26,500 to renovate the Welcome Center Building. We are equally appreciative of your offer to use your influence to secure other support and donations. We realize that your influence is far-reaching and that this support could result in a substantial step toward reaching our goal.

You have our commitment that this money will be used wisely. We will periodically update you on progress being made, and you can expect to receive a thorough accounting when renovation is complete. You have a standing invitation to visit the Park. Your input or suggestions will always be welcomed.

The Board is committed to developing this Park so that it will not only be an asset to our area, but also will be a source of pride to our state. Thank you again for your interest in the Park and the confidence you are showing in us evidenced by your donation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Pinion".

James Pinion
Board Member

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December 4, 1995

Mr. Larry Stripland
Alabama Sports Hall of Fame
P. O. Box 10163
Birmingham, AL 35202

Dear Mr. Stripland:

Dr. David Bronner suggested I contact you regarding the Jesse Owens Memorial Park of which I am volunteer project director. This park is under construction at Oakville, a small community in my county. When completed it will be a one million dollar facility honoring Jesse Owens Olympic hero at this birthplace. Over a two-year period, we have secured \$400,000 in funding from corporations, private businessmen and government grants. This funding is earmarked for the welcome center, home replica, park pavilions, softball field, basketball court, and walking trail. A \$80,000 statue is nearing completion by Branco Medenica, Mountain Brook sculptor. A \$14,000 gold medallion court will surround the statue. Complex facilities not yet funded are the museum and track.

Knowing your interest in this type project, Dr. Bronner felt that you might want to be of assistance in raising the \$230,000 needed to build the museum. Our time line for completing the park complex has been shortened due to the welcomed announcement last fall that the Olympic Torch Run will visit the Park on June 29, 1996. The eyes of the world will be on Alabama during this once-in-a-lifetime event. Therefore, we are aggressively seeking funding before the end of January.

The Jesse Owens family of Chicago is supportive of the park. They have promised personal items for loan to the museum. In addition, they will be present June 29 for the Torch Visit, unveiling of the bronze statue and accompanying ceremonies.

I know that your influence is far-reaching and are hopeful that you will join in this fitting tribute to an Alabama-born world-renowned Olympic hero. Enclosed is my business card. I would be delighted to come to Birmingham at your convenience to provide further details.

Sincerely,

James E. Pinion
Board Member/Project Director

cc: Dr. David Bronner

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October 26, 1995

Mr. James Pinion
Mr. Therman White
Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board
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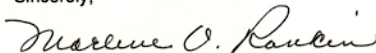
Dear Mr. Pinion & Mr. White:

Please accept our gratitude for your support and participation in the Fifth Annual Jesse Owens Humanitarian Award Dinner with the purchase of one reservation for \$150.00. We will be sure to seat someone who is special to the Foundation.

Your contribution will assist us in continuing to provide our youth with an opportunity to realize their potential and lead productive lives.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Marlene O. Rankin
Executive Director