
INFORMATION



"The dream for this building is for the community to become all it can be. It's for people to come together to work for the greater good of all of Omaha's citizens—*not my little neighborhood, not your little neighborhood, but for the whole community.*"

– BARBARA WEITZ

BARBARA WEITZ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

The Weitz CEC is a one-of-a-kind place where UNO and community organizations are housed and welcomed to intentionally collaborate for the benefit of the campus and the community.

Possibilities and relationships are nurtured through trust, transparency and authenticity.

For more information on how you can financially support the Weitz CEC, please contact the University of Nebraska Foundation at 402.502.0300

CORE VALUES

The Weitz CEC, a privately funded LEED certifiable facility, opened its doors on April 17th, 2014.

SEVEN CORE VALUES GUIDE THE OPERATION OF THE BUILDING

- 1 DIVERSITY
- 2 CIVIL AND OPEN DIALOGUE
- 3 COLLABORATION
- 4 COMMUNICATION
- 5 RECIPROCITY
- 6 A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE
- 7 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

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AREAS OF FOCUS

Four areas of focus ensure improved community access to the campus and its full array of services, events, and human capital. It is a place that purposefully delivers more effective engagement.

- 1 SIGNATURE OUTREACH PROGRAMS**
Service Learning Academy | Office of Civic and Social Responsibility | Buffett Early Childhood Institute | William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies
- 2 UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**
Nonprofit UNO and community-based organizations and initiatives
- 3 SCHOLARSHIP OF ENGAGEMENT**
Applied, Translational, and Evaluation Research Faculty Fellowships | Civic Participation Projects
- 4 COMMUNITY & CAMPUS RELATED EVENTS**
Collaboration & Community Dialogue Space | State of the Art Technology | Community Oriented Workshops, Meetings, and

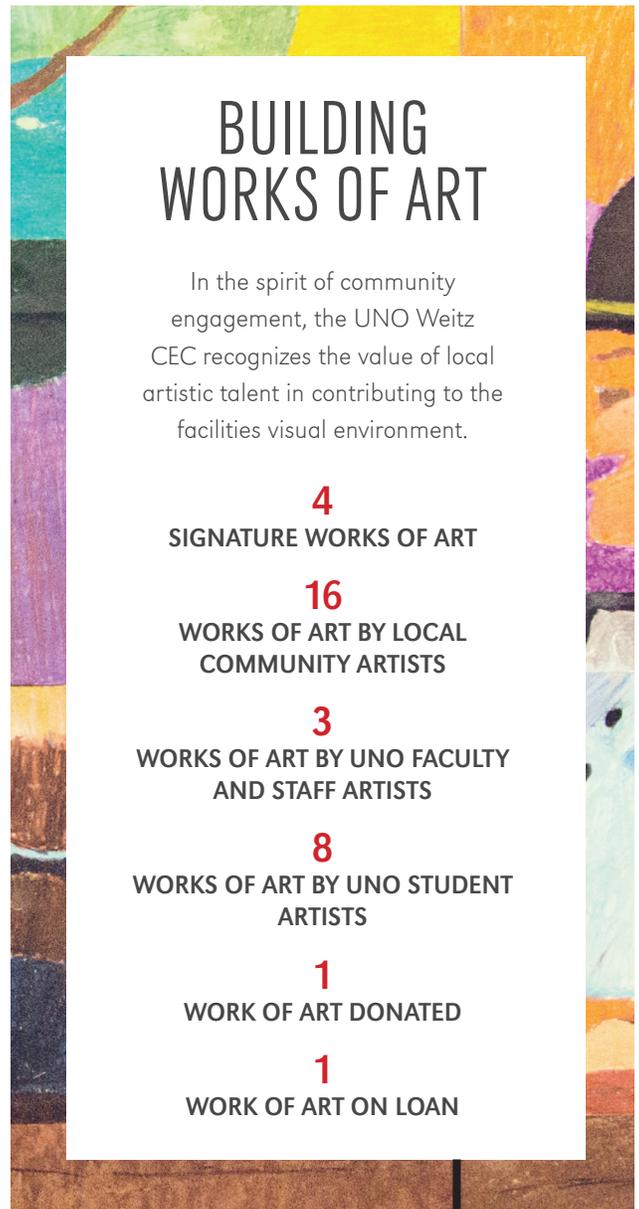
UNO AND COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

After completing a space application and going through the interview process, community and university organizations and initiatives selected are then placed in one of three partner spaces in the building, where they will be housed for up to three years. After two years residency, building partner organizations may re-apply through the application process to stay up to an additional 3 years, 6 years total. Each community and UNO partnership space has a mix of community and university users. Each area hosts a diverse group of organizations that can share interests and missions to develop mutually-beneficial partnerships with UNO and the community.

(Please see our Partners Handout for a list of the current building partners)

JESS'S RESOURCE CENTER

The Union Pacific Atrium is a special place to honor the legacy of Jessica Lutton Bedient, who was best known for her passion for helping others in her community and around the world. Jess joined the University of Nebraska Foundation in 2008, and in 2010, she lost her life in a car accident.



"Frankly, there is no better place nor time to create a consolidated community-university center than Omaha. There are many longstanding partnerships, burgeoning opportunities, and unmet needs waiting to be addressed, and many willing hands throughout our community and within the campus ready to work."

– BJ REED, PH.D., SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR
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