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Tens of thousands of people will be coming to Prospect Meadows each year and one of the first things they'll see is the eye-catching Rotary Donor Wall at the new sports complex.

You can become a part of history at Prospect Meadows by having your name on that wall. At the same time, you'll be making a valuable contribution to the project.

For \$500, you can have your name on one of the 600 baseballs on the Rotary Donor Wall. And for \$2,000, you can have your name on one of the stars in the iconic structure.

The stainless steel Donor Wall is shaped like a map of lowa with the patriotic colors of red, white and blue in the likeness of an American flag. The fundraising effort is being held in partnership with the Metro Area Rotary Clubs.

You can put your family on the wall, you can put your business or company on the wall, or you can dedicate one of the baseballs or stars to something else you treasure.

You can request a red, white or blue ball. And all participants will get a three-line inscription, with 12 characters on the first line, 13 characters on the second line and 12 characters on the third line.

Each ball is 3 inches by 3 inches. Each star is 7 inches by 7 inches.

Prospect Meadows has a 95-year lease with Linn County for the complex, with an estimated

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60,000 people visiting the site each year. The Rotary Donor Wall, with your name inscribed, could be seen by hundreds of thousands of people as time goes by.

"It's a way for people to be part of the project with their grandchildren's names or their parents' names or whatever they'd like," said Jack Roeder, the general manager of Prospect Meadows.

The Donor Wall will be an attractive backdrop for individuals and teams who want to pose for pictures, including championship teams after they've won a big tournament.

Approximately 400 of the 600 baseballs on the Donor Wall are still available for purchase, along with a limited number of the stars.

You can call Prospect Meadows at 319-393-1684 to learn more about the Rotary Donor Wall and purchase a baseball. Contact Jack Roeder (Jack@ProspectMeadows.com) to check on star availability.

A pledge check must be made in full, payable to Prospect Meadows at 1890 County Home Road, Marion, Iowa, 52302. Pledges also can be made online in two installments at ProspectMeadows.com/donate.

The Opening Ceremony for Prospect Meadows is scheduled for Thursday, May 23. The first phase of the new complex includes eight regulation baseball fields and the Miracle Field for children with special needs. The second phase of the project is scheduled for completion in several years and will include eight youth baseball and softball fields.