### LA-CROSSE CENTER

**EXPERIENCE THE MAGNIFICENT** 

Wedding Projects

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- Increased room rentals \$1,000.00
- Utilizing and showcasing what the Center offers
  - Gobo lighting
  - Up-lighting
  - Bottoms up magnets
- Standing out among other wedding venues in the area by offering something unique
- Adding value to package making the Center a more desirable venue

- Upfront costs vs. additional costs
  - Couples are more likely to utilize what is offered when quoted during tour
  - Couples are less likely to utilize what the Center offers when quoted as an additional price
  - Allowing couples to budget and plan more efficiently
- Increasing wedding profits when items are not utilized and additional days are added to room rental



## Bringing in Preferred Vendors

- Providing weddings and events with quality vendors
- Creating consistency
- Setting expectations of high quality service and professionalism among all vendors; preferred and non preferred

- Profit
  - \$300.00 per vendor annually
  - Yearly fee's are expected to increase as demand grows, making being apart of the list more competitive
- Supporting couples



#### RSVP Wedding Nov. 3rd

- Realistically Staged Vendor Party
- Inviting preferred vendors to an exclusive wedding event to showcase our ballrooms
- Inviting members of the community to sponsor event
- Increasing cash flow for the Center, creating growth opportunities

- Allowing
  - Couples to freely interact with vendors
  - Vendors to showcase their talent without the restrictions of an 8' x 10' booth
- Profit
  - General Admission \$25.00
  - \$600.00 per vendor
  - Sponsorship's



#### RSVP Wedding Nov. 3rd

- Taking the guess work out of planning
- What to expect?
  - o DJ
  - Dance floor
  - Cash bar with signature drinks showcased
  - Decorators staging the room with dinner tables, head tables
  - Ceremony staging in Riversides pre-function hallway with the beautiful view
- Utilizing this event as our "Tasting" event to decrease the work load on our catering staff members

- What to expect cont.
  - Hair and Makeup teams transforming our boardrooms into 'bridal suites'
  - Dinner options in appetizer portions
  - Desserts
  - Photographers and Videographer taking photos of guests enjoying themselves
    - Usage rights providing us with advertising materials
  - And more!



# Growth Opportunities

- Preferred Vendor yearly cost will be initially used for a starting marketing budget for our RSVP event on November 3rd
- Increased cash flow allows the potential for adding decor to the Center
  - Candles, votives, hurricane glass, table numbers, flower vases
  - Most event's require decor
  - Used for other events such as holiday parties, business dinners, etc.
    - Increasing what companies spend with the center
- Portable Styling Stations for guests getting ready





#### Wedding Board

- Board of 5-6 people involved in the wedding industry
- Events hosted throughout the year promoting networking among vendors, people in the wedding industry and couples
- All wedding businesses are welcome to participate
- 'Wedding Phone Tree'
  - Network between all vendors to provide community resources

- Anticipated Outcome
  - Increased moral and support between wedding vendors
  - Creating an 'organization' couples and businesses can reference for all weddings needs
    - resources
    - bookings
    - and more



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 Heading this project as a board of people who put their community first

- Benefits
  - Displaying interest to help small/local businesses grow within our community
  - Creating strong networks within the local community