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# Crew Team steers closer to boathouse

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Paul Buchheit, Case Western Reserve University alumni rower, has teamed up with the Spartan Alumni Rowing Association to present a \$100,000 donation to the Cleveland Rowing Foundation (CRF) in CWRU's name. The donation supports the Rivergate Project and will go toward building a permanent boathouse in Cleveland.

The boathouse currently used by the CWRU Crew Club is shared with three other universities, a number of high schools, and a handful of adult rowing programs. It is the only boathouse in northeastern Ohio and serves a total of 850 rowers. Although this generous donation will benefit all rowers that use the boathouse, CWRU Crew Club will be at the top of that list.

Sophomore rower and fundraising chair Anna Czekaj described the immediate benefits of the donation made in the university's name. "Not only will the donation of an alumni make our team look good in the eyes of the Cleveland Rowing Foundation, but we will also get the first pick of [where the teams' boats are located]." When so many organizations are using the boathouse, it is ideal to have first choice so you can store your craft near an exit.

This generous donation will be useful in the long run, putting the CRF one step closer to its over-\$3-million project to revamp Rivergate park and the boathouse.

Another Cleveland philanthropist also supports local Cleveland rowers: Peter B. Lewis has proposed a challenge grant in which he will match the donation amount to the Cleveland Rowing Foundation.

The Cleveland Rowing Association has spent a lot of time trying to encourage organizations to donate to the foundation, and now they are \$200,000 closer to their goal. The goal that the CWRU Crew Club is more focused on at the moment, however, is their first regatta, quickly approaching, on Sept. 18 on the Cuyahoga River.

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