

About the Fund Raising Campaign

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The American Daffodil Society provides world wide internet services to the growing daffodil public. Our Global leadership through these unique services: daffseek, daffnet, dafftube, dafflibrary and more, continues as an often used and valuable asset to all daffodil enthusiasts throughout the world.

The current server is now over 8 years old and is becoming unreliable, requiring much more effort, both labor and travel, to operate. It is time to replace this server with new equipment to better matched to our increasing workloads.

Internet Services, located in a data center, require support in three areas:

1. Administration Labor
2. Monthly Data Center Costs
3. Capital Funding for Hardware and Software

Administration Labor

The ADS server is currently administrated by volunteers at no cost. I can personally say that Nancy Tackett and myself have dedicated 1000's of hours to the management of our servers since 1996.

Monthly Data Center Costs

The ADS operating budget contains a majority of repeatable expenses and revenue. The monthly data center costs are funded by our operating budget with costs ranging from a \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.

Capital Funding for Hardware and Software

The first server that operated the ADS internet services in 1996 was privately owned by Nancy and myself. The ADS funded the current server in 2010 and the costs was charged against the operating budget, over five years. This was a major expense during that time and made it difficult for the ADS to achieve a balanced budget. Rather than paying for the new replacement equipment from our operating budget, we decided to have a capital campaign to raise the needed funds.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000, by year end. These funds will be used to:

- replace the current equipment,
- to provide a better back-up facility,
- and to better match our increasing Internet workloads.

We are appealing to all ADS Regions, clubs and suppliers in this Country and to those across the world who use these services, to help us reach this goal.

If you feel as passionate as we do about Daffseek, Daffnet, DaffLibrary or any of our sites and want to help us maintain these services to the world, please donate.

Daffnet.org

For people interested in growing, showing, or hybridizing daffodils.

<https://daffnet.org>

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