

CLACKAMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A P P E A L F O R D O N A T I O N S

Dear CCHS supporters,

The new year is upon us and with that comes new opportunities for growth. At the start of 2017, CCHS staff completed a major reset of the Museum of the Oregon Territory, rewriting the entire narrative of the museum and creating a brand new experience. The Stevens-Crawford Heritage House had an update of its own with the “Kitchen Stories” exhibit. The most substantial changes this year include:

- Kaegi Pharmacy Virtual Reality exhibit
- Family oriented “Hands on History Hall”
- Brand new panels and organization for “Settler’s Hall”

Over the summer months the first floor of the Museum of the Oregon Territory went through a remodel to increase space for:

- The Wilmer Gardner Research Library
- Genealogy Discovery Center
- New gift shop



In 2018 CCHS will focus more on developing meaningful relationships with local institutions, businesses, artists, and historians. We plan to:

- Revamp our Gift Shop to include products from local authors, artists, and vendors
- Increase traffic in the Genealogy Discovery Center
- Develop additional programming for Pints from the Past



Furthermore we are very excited to announce that our new rotating exhibit, scheduled to open mid-January 2018, will explore themes around life and death in Oregon Territory.

*All of this is made possible by
dedicated history lovers
like you!*

We ask for your continued support as we move forward into 2018.

Did you know that the cost to maintain the proper humidity and temperature levels at our two museums averages **\$2,100** a month? Additionally we spent **\$12,000** this year to replace our HVAC units. **CCHS does not receive operational funding from any city, county, or governmental entity. Individual donations are what keep our doors open!**

We invite you to become an annual member or consider a specific sponsorship. Our goal for 2018 is to raise a total of **\$60,000** to pay for various improvements and renovations for both the Museum of the Oregon Territory and Stevens-Crawford Heritage House. We are working on a long-term plan to redesign our second floor exhibit space in partnership with the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition. This Interpretive Master Plan will cost CCHS **\$15,000**.

A fundamental component of the CCHS mission is to preserve the history of Clackamas County. One of our organization's greatest strengths is the size and diversity of its collection. Over the years the collection has grown so large that we have exhausted our storage space. As a result, in 2018 CCHS staff and volunteers will conduct an extensive inventory of our artifacts. However, we require the funds to purchase archival packing materials that ensure proper standards of preservation. We estimate that it will cost **\$10,000** to pay for additional shelving, cabinets, archival boxes, tissue paper, muslin, etc.

PROJECT GOALS 2018

**Museum & Heritage
House Renovations &
Improvements**

\$60,000

**Artifact Storage
& Preservation
Materials**

\$10,000

**Second Floor
Long-term
Redesign**

\$15,000

Other goals for 2018

- Repair and maintain the Garden Building at SCHH
- Repaint some of the bedrooms at SCHH
- Develop travelling history displays for schools and other local institutions
- Update and promote school history tour activities

More ways to support CCHS

- Purchase a commemorative nameplate to be installed in our new Genealogy Discovery Center
- Help fund a new microfilm reader to the CCFHS library (currently raised \$3,500 of 12,000)

**Please make a tax-deductible contribution today!
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