



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM
**CLACKAMAS COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



Dear Members, Friends, and Valued Donors,

Clackamas County Historical Society is dedicated to enriching the lives of current and future generations through collecting, preserving, and interpreting the heritage of historic Clackamas County. Unlike many historical societies in Oregon, we receive no public support from our county and rely on your donations.

We need your help to ensure that our past has a future!



The American Alliance of Museums estimates that **one-third of U.S. museums and historic sites may permanently close due to losses suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic.** Clackamas County Historical Society is not exempt from this possibility. Paired with financial losses resulting from forced closure, our aging HVAC system in the Museum of the Oregon Territory building completely failed. The cost to overhaul this system is \$122,000, approximately 65% of CCHS's annual budget.

Last year we raised \$45,212 with your donations and memberships. This year, we need your support more than ever to ensure the survival of our historical society. Clackamas County is home to some of the most deeply layered history in the West. We have a story we are proud to share, as well as bold plans to increase the financial sustainability of our museums. These plans include interactive exhibits and programming with more diverse voices and stories, collaboration with local artists, and reimagining how the Stevens-Crawford Heritage House is used by the community.

Our history is too valuable to lose. Please contribute to this year's goal of \$75,000. Another way to support CCHS is by purchasing a membership. If you join by the end of 2020, you will also receive a dual membership to the Oregon Historical Society. With your help, we hope that the Museum of the Oregon Territory will be open to the public in early 2021.

Sincerely,

Jenna Barganski,
Executive Director

Lynda Myers
Board President