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## Join the club! Become a donor member today.

Dear community partner and friend,

Your local McHenry Museum & Historical Society (MM&HS) works year-round to increase the ongoing robust and active engagement of our local community with the unique and storied history of Stanislaus County. *Your support* allows for continued collection, preservation, and recording of local history for the benefit of the community today – and for future generations. *Your continued support* provides for ever-increasing beneficial community impact.

Together, some of the notable ways that MM&HS (your premiere local community historic engagement organization!) positively benefits the community includes:

- Vibrant promotion of the McHenry Museum as a local tourist destination.
- Providing trained docents who guide the museum's thousands of annual visitors.
- Leading tours of the museum to elementary students from area schools.
- Hosting the annual Children's Holiday Craft Faire.
- Launching the *MM&HS McMobile Museum* (debuting this past spring, the *McMobile* has already been at festivals in Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, and Patterson).
- Publishing the *Museum Monthly*, regularly detailing fresh local historical accounts.
- Maintaining the *McHenryMuseum.org* web site (it contains visitor information about the museum, and is a research destination where our current *Museum Monthly* and past *Stanislaus Stepping Stones* published work is publicly available).
- Active engagement of community members with local history on social media.
- Hosting the Second Saturday 'History Talks' series engagements at the museum.
- Working to connect all local historic societies in municipalities within the county.
- Updating a 1971 elementary teaching guidebook and associated student workbook to engage schoolchildren county-wide in their classrooms with local history.

All of these free-to-the-public activities directly benefit the people who live right here in Stanislaus County. While we are working with local agencies to receive new funding, we have been operating in the red for several years now. We need *your help* to bridge the gap now!

Our work of preserving local history has made an impact for more than five decades. **We need your help** to aid our efforts for the 2023 - 2024 year. MM&HS brings to life our rich and storied local history legacy — *collectively together with you!* 

**Join now** in giving generously online at McHenryMuseum.org/support (you can also return the attached form with your donation) to support the needed and valued work we do in engaging and deepening our community's connection to their local history.

Very truly yours,

David Seymour

**Executive Director** 



## 'Pillars of Foundation' • Sustaining Support Members 2023 – 2024

Members at all levels are invited to annual events at the museum – a hosted 'summer social' meeting each June, and a holiday 'soup supper' each December. Supporters at the Patron level and above are recognized publicly on our website throughout the year. Benefactors receive a complimentary historical book from our in-museum gift shop, *Stanislaus Selections*. Lifetime level donors are additionally appreciated for significant one-time gifts through being awarded permanent 'donor member' status.

Individual - \$40+ Couple - \$60+

Patron - \$150+ Benefactor - \$300+

Lifetime Individual - \$1,200+ Lifetime Couple - \$1,500+

We appreciate your generosity in advance as it enables our shared success!

Act online now with a credit card, or return this page with a donation check via mail by July 15th to help us reach our fundraising renewal goal of \$25,000:

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