



Lambda Chi Alpha volunteers assisting with collections

October 10, 2017

Dear Friend of the Ames Historical Society,

As the end of the year approaches, we appeal to you for a donation.

Why should you donate? First, we want to respond to residents' requests for more services and, secondly, we face big challenges and **we need your help**. We are the only organization dedicated to preserving and sharing Ames history.

Response to our 2017 programs has been great and our staff and volunteers have built a solid record of service. Year-to-date, **4,435** people have attended our 92 programs and open houses - including elementary students, retiree groups, assisted living centers, service clubs, and the general public. We have collaborated with seven other organizations, answered over 270 history questions, and catalogued 491 items in the collection.

It's exciting to find that we are a treasured community resource - but growth means we face challenges:

- Off-site **collections storage** is at full capacity and new arrangements need to be found for additional space.
- There are more demands on our staff and we would like to further expand our programs. We need to provide our **talented staff** with a living wage, and additional staffing is needed.
- We occupy half of our building. We need to **build our Endowment** from \$125,000 to over \$600,000 so that we can better utilize space we badly need.

We are so grateful for your past and current support as well as your time, stories, and enthusiasm. With your help, we look forward to a bright future.

Gratefully,

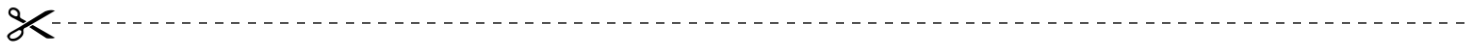
Peter Hallock Sharon Wirth Casie Vance

Peter Hallock and Sharon Wirth, Co-Presidents
Casie Vance, Executive Director

Donations to the Ames Historical Society, including memberships and in-kind gifts or services, are tax-deductible.

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2017 Ames Historical Society Appeal

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment Information:

\$500 \$250 \$100 Other amount \$ _____

Check (enclosed) OR Visa or MasterCard

Card #: _____ Exp: ____/____



Games at Hoggatt School

Additional donation to the Ames Historical Society Endowment Fund enclosed: \$ _____

I'm interested in adding Ames Historical Society to my will - please send me more information

AMES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our mission is to engage our diverse public and provide unique opportunities to learn about Ames history.

2017 ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

92

PROGRAMS
ATTENDED BY
OVER 4400
PEOPLE



270

RESEARCH
REQUESTS
ANSWERED

3

STAFF MEMBERS
ACCOMPLISH A
LOT WITH THE
HELP OF OVER
180 VOLUNTEERS



1600

VISITORS TO
THE HISTORY
CENTER AND
HOGGATT
SCHOOL

- EXCITING UPCOMING EXHIBITS -

- **PIECED FABRIC: HISTORIC QUILTS OF AMES** - on display at the Octagon Center for the Arts through Oct. 28
- **IN TRUNKS, HANDS, AND HEARTS** – a traveling exhibit about immigration to Iowa – on display at the Ames History Center, Oct. 12 through Nov. 11
- **A new feature exhibit about AMES HIGH SCHOOL** – on display at the Ames History Center beginning in late November