



Annual Appeal

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Dear friends and members of the Laurel Historical Society,

There is no doubt that 2020 has been a difficult year for all of us. At this time last year, we were looking forward to an exciting year full of society events, fundraisers, and projects. Unfortunately, many of those plans were put on hold indefinitely due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Although maintenance, research, and other work has continued behind the scenes, many of our more visible or social activities ground to a halt. One exception was the educational and thoroughly memorable Harriet Tubman bus tour last February.

Despite the fact that activities planned for the spring, summer, and fall had to be canceled, many of our operational expenses were unaffected. For example, over \$5,000 was spent on expenses relating to the Cook House alone, while nearly \$2,000 was used for the Hitchens Homestead. The list of expenses includes electricity, HVAC, lawn maintenance, phone and Internet, office supplies, water and sewer, and security. Additionally, we expect to move forward with our ongoing restoration project at the Hitchens Homestead. There are exciting days ahead!

The society's Annual Appeal pays most of our bills and allows us to think big as we seek to fulfill our mission. We are incredibly grateful for the record-breaking results of last year's campaign, which included contributions from sixty-one individuals, families, or businesses. Four exceptionally generous contributions ranged from \$5,000 to \$10,000!

Your donation of any amount is greatly appreciated, and will help to preserve and celebrate the history of Laurel. Thank you for your support!

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