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The past year has been transformative for the revitalization of the Terrell Heritage Museum.

What started as a preservation effort has grown into a powerful community movement driven by strengthened partnerships with local organizations, clubs, and residents.

These collaborative efforts have set the stage for the launch of our centerpiece initiative, "Restore the Legacy: The Carnegie Library Building Project," which will shape the coming year.

A Year of Renewed Community Partnerships

Our progress this year has been defined by the robust involvement of community groups and leaders who share a vision of preserving Terrell's rich history. The restoration effort has become more than just a structural project; it's a symbol of unity and shared purpose across generations.



- **Social Science Club and Terrell Garden Club:** Two of Terrell's oldest and most respected civic organizations have been key partners in the library building's revitalization. The Social Science Club took on a pivotal role in organizing events, sharing historical knowledge, and mobilizing volunteers. Meanwhile, the Terrell Garden Club dedicated their expertise to planning the library's grounds, which will help to restore the landscape to its former glory with renewed garden space.
- **Partnership with Terrell ISD:** Our collaboration with Terrell Independent School District has flourished over the past year. Together, we launched educational programs that brought the community together. This partnership has emphasized the importance of community heritage to the next generation.
- **Downtown Merchants and Local Businesses:** The support from local downtown merchants and businesses has been instrumental in generating awareness and community support. From hosting fundraising events to promoting the initiative in their shops, these businesses have become champions for the museum. Their collaboration has enhanced the visibility, drawing interest from both residents and visitors.
- **Broad Community Involvement:** The library's revival has been embraced by the wider community, with volunteers from all walks of life stepping forward. Regular volunteer days saw a diverse range of people, from families to retirees, contributing their time and energy. Each task, from cleaning to cataloging historical items, has allowed us to reach the goal of rejoining the Terrell community as an asset to historical preservation.

The Path Forward: Launching "Restore the Legacy: The Carnegie Library Project"

While we celebrate the strides made in strengthening community ties, the coming year marks a pivotal moment as we officially launch **"Restore the Legacy: The Carnegie Library Building Project."** This campaign will focus on raising the necessary funds and completing the restoration work needed to fully reopen the building as a cultural center and museum.



As we prepare for the official launch of **"Restore the Legacy: The Carnegie Library Building Project,"** our approach will follow a carefully staged plan. The first phase focuses on completing essential structural repairs and restoring key historical features of the building.

This will be followed by interior renovations, including the development of versatile community spaces and the installation of period-appropriate fixtures. The final phase will involve curating the museum's exhibits, which will highlight Terrell's local history and the legacy of the library, while also creating spaces for educational programming and public events. By approaching the project in these stages, we can ensure that each step honors both the historical significance and future needs of this vital community resource.

Fundraising Efforts and Community Engagement: The Foundation of Our Progress

HERITAGE MARKET



The fundraising initiatives launched this past year have been crucial in driving the restoration forward. One of the standout events was the monthly **Heritage Market**, a community-focused gathering that brought together local artisans, vendors, and history enthusiasts. The market not only raised significant funds but also served as a platform to share the vision of the "Restore the Legacy" project with a broader audience.



As part of our ongoing fundraising efforts, we are excited to launch several new initiatives designed to engage the community while raising the necessary funds for the restoration.

This fall saw the debut of the first annual Heritage Car Show, a celebration of classic cars that brought together car enthusiasts and history buffs alike.



Join the Legacy: How You Can Be a Part of the Carnegie Library Building Restoration

As we embark on the next exciting phase of the "Restore the Legacy: The Carnegie Library Building Project," we invite you to become an integral part of this transformative journey.

Our 2025 membership drive has officially launched, and it's a fantastic opportunity for you to contribute to the restoration and revitalization of Terrell's historic Andrew Carnegie Library building.



Becoming a Member

Joining our membership program is a meaningful way to show your support. Members receive exclusive updates on the project, invitations to special events, and recognition through social media and branded gifts. Membership levels are designed to suit various interests and budgets, ensuring that everyone can participate in this community effort. Your membership not only supports the building's restoration but also helps sustain its future programs and activities.



Donating

Every donation, big or small, makes a significant impact. Contributions to our restoration fund are used directly for critical repairs, historical preservation, and the development of museum exhibits. To make donating easier, we offer various options including one-time gifts, recurring donations, and dedicated tribute funds. Your generosity ensures that the Carnegie Library building will be a cherished resource for generations to come.



Volunteering

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our restoration effort. There are numerous ways to get involved, from assisting with on-site restoration tasks and organizing fundraising events to helping with community outreach and educational programs. Volunteering offers a hands-on way to engage with the project and contribute directly to its success.



Become a Part of the Legacy

The Andrew Carnegie Library building in Terrell is more than just a building; it is a symbol of our community's heritage, a testament to our shared history, and a beacon of learning and culture. As we move forward with our restoration efforts, the need for your support has never been more critical.

Why Your Support Matters

- **Preservation of History:** The Carnegie Library building is a historical gem that connects us to our past. Your membership will directly contribute to preserving its architectural and cultural significance.
- **Future Programs:** By becoming a member, you are helping to fund the development of museum exhibits and educational programs that will enrich our community.
- **Community Engagement:** Membership provides an opportunity to be actively involved in a project that reflects our shared values and commitment to cultural preservation.



Stay in Touch!

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to preserving Terrell's rich heritage. Together, we can ensure that the Carnegie Library building stands as a vibrant, thriving center for generations to come.



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