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Dear Villager,

We're reflecting on the past 60 years of Troy Historic Village. Over the decades, tens of thousands of students of all ages have visited our Village and left with life-long memories. Yes, we preserve the past and teach history, but we also fund the future, and we take these responsibilities very seriously. **I am asking you to make a donation to support the Village and the staff who use the historic artifacts and buildings to inspire the students who will build the future.**

Today, a second-grade student sat at a desk in Poppleton School and imagined it was 1880. They pulled out a slate and piece of chalk to work on their arithmetic. They read a few lines from a McGuffey Reader and followed Miss Post's strict instructions. Tomorrow they will be back in their modern classroom with tablets and smartboards, but their one-room school experience will stay with them.

Where will that student be in 20 or 30 years? It's hard to say, but we know that field trip experiences teach more than history. Putting yourself in someone else's shoes teaches empathy and understanding. Learning from the past creates perspective and prepares you for what's next. Immersive hands-on experiences inspire creative thinkers that will solve difficult problems.

Former Village Executive Director, Loraine Campbell, knows how preserving the past also funds the future. From 2000 to 2020, she navigated transitions and tight budgets as she and the staff built up programming at the Village. She knew it was one thing to preserve a historic asset like the Village, but knew it was equally important to use it to educate, engage, and inspire people of all ages.



Loraine continues to support the Village! This year, **Loraine is matching up to $10,000 of your year-end donations to make your money go further.** Your $10, $100, or $1,000 donation becomes $20, $200, or $2,000 as you help us preserve the past and fund the future.

When I meet kids and adults at events around the community, we often hear about how they wore the dunce cap or dipped a candle while on a field trip. Months and years later, their Village visit stays with them and continues to resonate. Your donation will help ensure those lifelong memories for the next generation of students. I am excited to continue building those experiences for all ages at the Village, and I hope you are too!

Thank you for your continued support of the Village. Please consider making a year-end donation by December 31, 2026 to preserve the past and fund the future!

Jen Peters
Executive Director, Troy Historic Village

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PS. Over the last decade, donors like you have supported the education of more than 85,000 students at Troy Historic Village! Double your gift today to inspire more creative thinkers of the future!