

George Henry White Memorial Health and Education Center Financial Support and Sponsorship Opportunities

Dear Friends,

Great news! We've come a long way in our effort to create the George Henry White Community Memorial Center, and it's all thanks to you!

With your help, the land and building were donated. You helped us repair the roof, install secure exterior doors, windows and siding. Inside, new structures were framed, walls were painted, floors refinished, kitchen work begun. Regular lawn service, a prominent sign, and community watch patrols have further helped this become a community-owned, community-built center in development.

But that was just "Phase One." In Phase Two, enormous strides were made:

- 1) The Assembly room was created by removing the wall between two of the smaller rooms and supporting the structure from below, with the sponsorship of the Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro, the town founded by George Henry White, who partner with us in honoring his legacy.
- 2) A strong back deck replaced the weakened one, with built in seating.
- 3) A handicap ramp was built by Bay Leaf Builders, creating total access for all visitors, regardless of status.
- 4) The weakened front porch was completely rebuilt, by Bay Leaf Builders, with strong new timbers donated by Lowe's, with built in seating.
- 5) The electrical system was completely replaced with new wiring, outlets, box, and all codes met and passed by inspection
- 6) A state-of-the-art security system was donated and installed by Graham Security Services allowing remote and on-site constant monitoring
- 7) Two new bathrooms were installed by Gerald Collins and other contractor support, one fully handicap accessible, and the other with grips and supports too.
- 8) A well, pump, masonry pumphouse and plumbing was installed and all connected.
- 9) Roof and structural repairs were made, and a partnership was created with Flex-seal.
- 10) Received detailed recommendations from Ramsey Campbell as a consultant regarding the type of HVAC equipment to use and electrical service.
- 11) Two high efficiency gas pack HVAC units were donated by Trane Technologies, and Whiteville's Pridgen Brothers Contractors became business partners of the project, fabricating and installing the insulated ductwork, hooking up the system, and installing two different heating and cooling zones, controlled by electronic thermostats.
- 12) Walls were spackled and painted by a series of skilled volunteers including Gerald Collins, Nick Spaulding, Forrester Spaulding, Ocie Jones, Vince Spaulding and others.
- 13) New flooring, with subfloor and vinyl plank, was installed throughout the various rooms.
- 14) Tables and chairs were donated by Gloria Berkley's family to create flexible event and meeting arrangements for the large assembly room and smaller meeting rooms.



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- 15) A podium was hand-crafted for the large hall by Lester Jacobs.
- 16) At every step, local community members have been on hand to feed the workers, receive shipments, create the landscaping, raise funds and reach out to others.

Numerous agencies and organizations are now joining including those who would like to use the center. Prominent historian Earl Ijames of the North Carolina Museum of History is an advisor. Support has been given by businesses, such as Salesforce, Lightsmith Productions, Dancing Joy, Lowe's, Flex-seal, Trane Technologies, Pridgen Brothers Contractors, Graham Security Services, and Mathews Electric.

Nonprofit and church partners have included Bay Leaf Builders, Community Watch, Masons, Shriners, Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro, Presbytery of New Hope and others. And private donors will be recognized on a Donors Hall of Fame board.

Now, we have just a few more items on our "To-do" list to fulfill. So your help now is even more important!

We welcome businesses, foundations, agencies, families and individuals. Of course, your donation is tax-deductible. But it's also something more.

George Henry White was born here, was raised here, and learned the skills he used in Congress, in business, and in the law—right in this community. What better way to honor his memory—and the memories of all those who've come before us—than to create a place where people can gather, learn, serve, receive help, and make a great community?

As people who have always seen a need and found a way to fill it here's a chance for us to build something that will stand—and provide opportunities—for many years to come. Please check the next page for a list of projects completed, and the ones that still need to be done. We gladly accept financial, in-kind, service and special contributions.

If you'd like to give online, go to www.georgehenrywhite.com.

If you prefer to send a check, make it to:

Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation (501 C 3 tax-exempt foundation)
5607 Catskill Court, Durham, NC 27713 (for GH White Center) For questions: 202-441-3589.

Again, I want to thank you for your leadership and generosity to date. I hope I can count on you to help us complete the project--and provide Columbus and Bladen County neighbors with a much-needed facility as a fitting tribute to the legacy of George Henry White.

Yours sincerely,

Vince Spaulding, Project leader



<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Status</u>
Electrical install		DONE
HVAC		DONE
Plumbing		DONE
Assembly Hall demo/build		DONE
Strengthen porch areas		DONE
Handicap access structures		DONE
Build a pumphouse		DONE
Security System		DONE
Dining Room Floor/Woodwork		DONE
Rear Porch expansion		DONE
Finish Conference Room		DONE
Complete GHW Room		DONE
Complete Assembly Hall & Equipment		DONE
Complete Staff Office		DONE
Install bathrooms, one accessible		DONE
Still Needed:		
Insulation (Attic and crawl space)	\$2,200	
Roof Repairs	12,000	
Kitchen and Pantry modifications	\$3,800	
Second Floor full Renovation	\$6,500	
Painting all rooms	\$2,500	
Replace windows	\$7,500	
Replace all 4 Exterior Doors	\$2,000	
New Furnishings	\$2,500	
Install internet, wifi	\$1,800	
Audio Visual Equip	\$2,800	
Laptops for Computer Training	\$12,172	
Paint exterior	\$4,600	

Yes! I want to sponsor item checked above, in the Name: _____

Amount I wish to contribute: \$ _____ by (Check, Card, Cash, Online).

I understand my gift is tax deductible. Signature: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____