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How Shaker Village Pays the Bills

Growing the endowment for the future of Shaker Village was a campaign priority in 2021. In July, 2021, the Board approved the establishment of a restricted endowment fund for historic building preservation. Two new Endow Kentucky funds were established at local community foundations: The Blue Grass Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Louisville. By 2022, Shaker Village had successfully raised an additional $1 million for the endowment.

The Campaign for Shaker Village has been transformative in shaping a brighter future for Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. We are grateful for the support we received to exceed this monumental campaign goal. We hope you will continue to make Shaker Village your destination of choice.

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The Campaign for Shaker Village Continued...

Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Kentucky Department of Local Government and the Mercer County Fiscal Court. The funds were used in the restoration of the 1824 Centre Family Dwelling and 1820 Meeting House.

James Graham Brown Foundation Grant
In June, 2016, Shaker Village received a grant of $500,000 from the James Graham Brown Foundation, Inc. for the Shaker Madera: Revitalizing the Spiritual Center project. This funding paid for the restoration of the 1815 Caruthers’ Shop and the development of new media educational enhancements. The Caruthers’ Shop reopened as the Welcome Center in August, 2017.

$10 Million Tirbracken Green Foundation, Inc.
In December, 2016, Ms. Nana Lampton, a former Shaker Village Trustee, proposed to establish a Type I supporting organization under applicable IRS rules to benefit both Shaker Village and Berea College. Contributions made to Shaker Village from the Tirbracken Green Foundation are to be used “exclusively to support the preservation, conservation, management, expansion and continued sustainability of the land, plants and forest owned and operated by Shakerstown at Pleasant Hill Kentucky, Inc.” These funds provide ongoing support for the 2,000 acre Preserve at Shaker Village.

1833 Water House Project
In 2017-2018, the 1833 Water House was restored with funds donated by the Carruth, Lee, Walker and Schubert families. The Water House demonstrates the ingenuity of the Pleasant Hill Shakers who developed the first public water works west of the Allegheny Mountains.

1817 East Family Dwelling
In December 2019, Shaker Village received a generous pledge of $750,000 from Henry Heuser through the Louisville Community Foundation for the restoration of the East Family Dwelling. This preservation project is currently ongoing and encompasses roofing, masonry, carpentry and drainage projects.

The National Endowment for the Humanities
In June, 2020, Shaker Village received its first grant from the National Endowment for Humanities for $93,052 for use in digitizing its archival collections for greater public use and ease of access for researchers and scholars. You can now access the collections by visiting shakervillageky.org/collections and archives.

The Institute for Museum & Library Services
In July, 2020, Shaker Village received a matching grant of $150,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to support the planning, development, fabrication and installation of an exhibit titled Local Economies, Global Impacts. Matching funds for this grant came from two individual donors as well as funds from the J. Cogar Furniture Fund. The exhibit opened permanently this March and spans three rooms in two historic buildings. Visitors will discover the fascinating story of Shaker ingenuity, manufacturing and marketing through personal stories, interactives and rarely seen artifacts.

60th Anniversary
In 2021, the Village celebrated the 60th anniversary of becoming a non-profit organization. What started in the 1960’s as an ambitious vision to preserve the legacy of the Pleasant Hill Shakers has grown into a 3,000-acre site with 34 historic buildings, a full-time inn, seed-to-table restaurant, a museum collection of more than 3,000 archives and a diverse array of educational programs for all ages.

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Chief Development Officer
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Development Coordinator
Shannon Timmons
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Planned Giving

In 2018, Shaker Village established The William Ponephaker Planned Giving Society. As one of the last remaining Shakers, Dr. Ponephaker arrived as an orphan at Pleasant Hill and made it his home for 73 years. The society offers donors a valuable opportunity to leave a legacy furthering Shaker Village while receiving significant tax benefits. To date, 16 donors have joined the society and have Shaker Village as a beneficiary in their estate plans.

Board of Trustees’ member Jane Winegardner said, “I have included Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in my estate planning as I want this Kentucky treasure to continue enriching future generations.”

Our Development Team would love to give you more details. Please reach out at 859.784.1563.

Jane Winegardner
Trustee, 2016-2021

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Chief Development Officer

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