

A \$1 MILLION CAMPAIGN

“ The Garst Museum has a well-earned reputation for delivering a valuable and intriguing interpretation of the county's history while proving to be a prudent and responsible steward of earned and donated income. It is challenging for the DCHS to keep up with the wide-ranging needs and responsibilities of the museum. As a private nonprofit institution, the museum does not benefit from local, state, or federal tax revenue. Funding limits our ability to maintain our facility and provide innovative and regionally attractive programs and accredited exhibitions that will drive tourism, increase earned income, and inspire donors. The DCHS is seeking comprehensive support from the community to secure the organization's future for generations to come. Thank you for your continued support! ”

Clay Johnson, Ph.D., DCHS President/CEO

CAMPAIGN GOALS

- Parking Lot \$355,000
- Personnel Expenses \$335,000
(Expenses for 3 years for Development Director, Finance Manager, Curator, Education/Volunteer Manager, and Technology Support)
- Lowell Thomas House Renovation. \$175,000
(Expenses for: Renovations to create new office and curator workshop space, office furniture, and preservation equipment and supplies)
- New Roofs \$65,000
- Computer System Upgrade \$35,000
- New Equipment for Facilities & Grounds . . . \$25,000
- Security and Fire Equipment Update \$10,000

Total: \$1,000,000

OUR MISSION

The Darke County Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of our county and fostering education on its relevance to the American experience. Our mission is to collect, preserve, exhibit, study, and interpret materials relating to the history and culture of Darke County, Ohio.



NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE! Past. Present. Future.

Our call to action to you as our community is to **Preserve Our Past By Giving in the Present and Shaping Our Future** at the Garst Museum for generations to come.

**Thank you Darke County and beyond—
this is your campaign!**

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Garst Museum Capital Campaign
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GARST MUSEUM CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

DARKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



**Educate.
Preserve.
Share.**

Join us as we preserve the past, and shape the future of the Garst Museum, and advance our efforts to educate, preserve, and share the history of Darke County.

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ABOUT DCHS

The Darke County Historical Society (DCHS) operates the Garst Museum in Greenville, Ohio, including its 35,000-square-foot campus that houses over 300,000 artifacts. Permanent exhibitions of national significance include Annie Oakley, the Treaty of Greenville, Lowell Thomas, Ohio Native Americans, and the multi-racial settlement of Longtown. The DCHS is guided by a strong commitment to preserving our past, fostering education through exhibits and public programs, and governing responsibly with fiscal accountability. We appreciate all the private support and donations as we receive zero tax dollars.

A CALL FOR SUPPORT

The DCHS is honored to raise funds to **preserve the past** and **shape the future** of the Garst Museum. We are asking the community to consider making a significant gift towards the Garst Museum Capital Campaign as we work towards our goal of \$1 million. Opportunities for gifts at every level are available, and donations of any amount will help. Legacy giving is also encouraged. Please contact us for more information about endowment giving and estate planning.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

All giving levels include donor recognition. Co-sponsor giving levels include naming rights and will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

CO-SPONSOR LEVELS

Includes naming rights.

- Parking Lot – \$150,000
- Lowell Thomas House Renovations – \$50,000+

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LEVELS

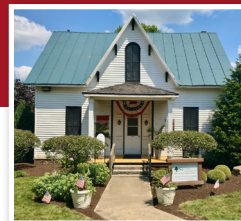
- Sharpshooter – \$25,000 to \$49,999
- Stargazer – \$15,000 to \$24,999
- Broadcaster – \$5,000 to \$14,999
- Protectors – \$1,000 to \$4,999

SOCIETY LEVELS

- Educator – \$500 to \$999
- Pioneer – Up to \$499

GARSTMUSEUM.ORG

Help us preserve the past and shape the future of this award-winning treasure right here in our community!



Our Challenge and Yours!

As we face the challenges of updating our facility, equipment and personnel to prepare the Garst Museum for a strong future, we invite you to be a part of history by supporting this special campaign.

Funds raised will provide for many needed improvements including the addition of a new parking lot; Lowell Thomas House renovations; new roofs; structural repairs; maintenance; new equipment; and IT, security and fire equipment upgrades. The campaign will also secure funding for personnel needs, such as:

- **Museum Curator** – To manage the museum's exhibits and artifacts to achieve standards for accreditation
- **Development Director** – To help with grant-writing and fundraising needs for future sustainability
- **Finance Manager** – To adhere to ethical accounting standards to keep our Historical Society as a good steward of this community's generous support.

HOW TO GIVE

For more information or to make a donation to the Garst Museum Capital Campaign, please contact Dr. Clay Johnson, DCHS President and CEO at 937.548.5250 or clay.johnson@garstmuseum.org or visit GarstMuseum.org/donate.



Dr. Clay Johnson,
DCHS President/CEO

To send a contribution by mail, please complete the enclosed form and send to:

Garst Museum Capital Campaign
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205 North Broadway
Greenville, OH 45331

We encourage everyone to visit the Garst Museum. Please contact Dr. Johnson at any time for more information about exhibits, speaker series, and other programs and projects.

NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS



New parking lot



Roof repairs and replacement



Structural repairs and maintenance



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Please accept a gift of:

☐ \$150,000 ☐ \$50,000 ☐ \$25,000 ☐ \$15,000 ☐ \$5,000

☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other: _____

☐ I would like my donation to be anonymous.

For gifts of \$1,000 or more:

☐ I would like to donate my gift over a 3-year period.

☐ I am interested in information about the DCHS
Foundation Endowment and estate planning.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Make checks payable to Garst Museum Capital Campaign.

Payment Method: ☐ Check ☐ Credit/Debit

FOR CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENT METHOD ONLY:

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

CSV#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

The DCHS is a non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible within the limits of the IRS standards.

For any questions, please contact:
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