



*Your past is our future! Established in 1908, the Allen County Museum serves its residents through exhibits, programs, a diverse collection and volunteering.*

**Collections** – The Allen County Museum holds over 280,000 objects in its collection.

**Programs** – The museum reaches over 16,000 people annually through free programs for schools, residents and community groups.

**Exhibits** – The museum staff organizes exhibits from its permanent collection, offering a range of topics relevant to the community and its history.

**Volunteering** – The museum works with a strong volunteer core that assists staff with tours, exhibits, and collections.

**Attendance** – The Museum has visitors from throughout the United States and countries abroad.

Dear Friend,

The Allen County Museum has been collecting, preserving, and exhibiting your county’s history for an astonishing 111-years. When you visit the museum, we will help you discover your past through our changing exhibits, diverse collections, and educational programs for all ages. To keep the tradition going, we are asking you—our members, donors, and friends—to help us safeguard the future by donating to our 2019 Annual Appeal.

We depend on annual gifts to ensure the Museum continues its stewardship of collections care, its deliverance of enriching experiences, and its ability to remain free to everyone. The staff and board have assessed the museum’s operations and have set a new series of goals for the near future. Some of our accomplishments over the last year include the following:

- The museum extended its summer hours, reaching over 800 additional visitors within a 2-hour span over two and a half months.
- The curatorial department started a year-long project of moving and rearranging the collections in storage to ultimately better serve the community.
- The education department organized its first ever *Educator Open House* to learn about the needs of teachers throughout Allen County and beyond, while sharing with them information about our *Traveling Trunks Program.*
- The museum extended the exhibit, *A Century of Quilting*, for one month to meet the demand of visitor interest in the first comprehensive exhibition showcasing our permanent collection of quilts.
- The museum participated in Downtown Lima’s *Wine and Chocolate* event in an effort to make the museum more accessible to a wider audience.

The museum continues to serve the community by offering our regular programs, tours, and events. Through these offerings alone, the museum’s education department will impact over 16,000 visitors from local schools, community groups, and the general public. And, in just a few weeks, the Allen County Museum will host The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Festival serving a combined 10,000 seniors, parents, and children who have made the event a family tradition.

As the number one attraction in Allen County, our impact and strong community engagement cannot be overstated. Last year, our attendance exceeded 60,000 visitors from 48 states and 13 countries.

By donating to our **2019 Annual Appeal**, you are supporting ongoing efforts to preserve history for generations to come. Please donate to show your support of the Allen County Museum. Every dollar counts because **your past is our future!**

Most sincerely,

William C. Timmermeister, President  
Allen County Museum

I want to support the Allen County Museum’s 2019 Annual Giving Campaign with a tax-deductible gift of:

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