



PITTSBURGH HISTORY & LANDMARKS FOUNDATION

100 West Station Square Drive, Suite 450

Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1134

412-471-5808 • FAX 412-471-1633 • www.phlf.org

June 2011

Dear Members and Friends:

Last year was a **comeback year** for our Historic Religious Properties (HRP) program, thanks to the **successful challenge grant campaign** initiated by two of our members and the outpouring of support we received from 420 members and friends. **Because of that support**, we were able to award 14 grants this March totaling \$78,600 and five technical assistance grants. *(2011 HRP recipients are listed on the reverse side of this letter; roofs, exterior woodwork, façades, doors, stairs, and windows will be restored or repaired this year, thanks to our matching grants.)*

To keep the **momentum of giving going**, we are holding our annual appeal now and are **asking you to give generously again**. Our goal in the next few months is to **raise at least \$50,000** so we can offer another round of grant applications and **begin building a \$2.5 million endowment** to generate \$100,000 in annual interest to underwrite our HRP program. Through bequests and other forms of planned gifts, HRP supporters can *help us build an endowment to ensure that funds will always be available for critical preservation efforts.*



PHLF is the only organization most historic religious properties in Allegheny County can turn to for **façade-related help**, and the congregations are deeply grateful for our matching grants and technical assistance. **By encouraging careful, informed stewardship**, we help ensure that these architecturally significant places of worship will be **taken care of for future generations**. Historic religious properties

are **long-term assets**—centers of art, culture, and community, as well as valuable places for contemplation and many social services. Imagine your community without the historic religious properties in use and in good repair.

Please **help make this a successful fund-raising drive by making your tax-deductible contribution today**. Help us get the word out about the importance of PHLF's Historic Religious Properties program. We're counting on you.

Thanks for contributing in the past. **Thanks for keeping the momentum going!**

Sincerely,

Mark Stephen Bibro
Chairman, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

George C. Dorman
Chairman, Historic Religious Properties Committee



Your gift this year will help PHLF award matching grants and technical assistance to a group of historic religious properties in Allegheny County that need to undertake critical exterior restoration work in 2012.

PHLF IS DOING SO MUCH

One of our members recently wrote: "I have received your printed newsletter and an e-mail one today—PHLF is doing so much to improve our area. Congratulations!"

This long-time member was referring to the work PHLF is doing to revitalize the Fifth and Forbes area in downtown Pittsburgh, the Hamnett Place neighborhood in Wilkinsburg, and the main street business districts of 14 communities in Allegheny, Armstrong, and Westmoreland counties. She was referring to our **easement program** that protects historic properties in perpetuity, our **preservation loan fund** that recently supported the restoration of seven historic houses in Manchester, and our **educational programs** that help more than 10,000 people appreciate the Pittsburgh region each year and result in guidebooks such as *August Wilson: Pittsburgh Places in His Life and Plays*.

And, she was referring to our **Historic Religious Properties (HRP) program** that depends on donations from PHLF members and friends. Since the program's inception in 1997, PHLF has awarded 225 grants totaling \$790,000; those funds have leveraged \$2.9 million in restoration projects!

Each year we are able to accomplish so much because friends like you give generously and consistently. Your annual gift is a tax-deductible contribution. It can be unrestricted or you can designate it to support PHLF's **neighborhood revitalization efforts, educational programs, or HRP program**. All contributions are needed!

(over)

YOUR GIFT HELPS HISTORIC RELIGIOUS PROPERTIES UNDERTAKE CRITICAL RESTORATION WORK

Because of PHLF's HRP program, restoration work will take place this year at:

- The Byzantine Catholic Seminary (Perry North)
- Calvary United Methodist Church (Allegheny West)
- Congregation Poale Zedeck (Squirrel Hill)
- First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood
- First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh (Downtown)
- First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (Oakland)
- Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church
- Pittsburgh Mennonite Church (Swissvale)
- Sacred Heart Church (Shadyside)
- St. Nicholas Catholic Church (Millvale)
- St. Paul Baptist Church (Point Breeze)
- South Side Presbyterian Church
- Stewart Avenue Evangelical Lutheran Church (Carrick)
- Waverly Presbyterian Church (Point Breeze)

In addition, Tom Keffer, PHLF's property and construction manager, is offering technical assistance to the following:

- Bethesda Presbyterian Church (Homewood)
- Brown Chapel AME Church (Central North Side)
- Ethnan Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church (Wilkinsburg)
- Greenfield Presbyterian Church
- Jesus' Dwelling Place (North Braddock)

PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY

- **By check**, payable to "PHLF" and referenced "HRP"
Mail to: Mary Lu Denny
Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation
100 West Station Square Drive, Suite 450
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1134
- **By credit card**: VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express
Call Mary Lu Denny: 412-471-5808, ext. 527
- **Online**: www.phlf.org (Home page: "Contribute." Click on *Select An Amount. Direct Your Gift to... Make Contribution!*)
- **Questions?**: 412-471-5808, ext. 527 or marylu@phlf.org

If you'd like to learn how you can make a gift that provides income to you and helps to endow the HRP program, visit <http://plannedgift.phlf.org/> or contact Jack Miller, Director of Gift Planning: jack@phlf.org; 412-471-5808, ext. 538.

WIN a one-year membership: Correctly identify where any four of these details are located. Contact Mary Lu Denny (see above) with the name of each building for the numbered details you select.

A copy of the official registration and financial information of the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

