



The Pickens Hall Restoration Project

Sponsored by the Heuvelton Historical Association
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In April of 2001, a small group of Heuvelton residents decided to make history together.

As the Heuvelton Historical Association (HHA), they set out to identify, gather and showcase the heritage of our community. Their pilot project has been the restoration of Pickens Hall, an abandoned, three-story Main Street building that was once the commercial, social and entertainment center of Heuvelton.

Today, this 150-year-old structure is once again a center of activity. Significant building repairs and renovations have been completed, and more are underway. The first floor is in use again as a “museum store” offering local and Amish-made products and general store items, providing an important revenue source for further renovation and operating costs. Planning and fundraising efforts are also continuing to redevelop the second and third floors into museum, community meeting, and performance spaces.

All of this has been made possible by local, regional and state funding secured by the Historical Association. To date, the group has raised more than \$1.5 M, toward a total project cost of \$2 M, with the majority of funding coming from grant sources.

Contributions to date include a challenge grant from the Sweetgrass Foundation, offered to the HHA in 2007. In addition to a prior major gift, Sweetgrass will provide the HHA with \$100,000 in further support if an equivalent amount is donated by December 31, 2009. The HHA is halfway to this goal, needing to raise only \$50,000 more in gifts and pledges by year-end to be awarded the full \$100,000.

To meet this challenge, the HHA has created an “Early Riser Campaign” that offers special recognition for leadership gifts of \$2,500 or more to the Pickens Hall Restoration Project.

We’re pleased and honored to lend our support to this effort, by making our own Early Riser donations, and by encouraging others to do the same.

In any successful project, there are those with great vision, and those willing to step up and make that vision a reality. Thanks to the HHA, we can now see a bright future for Pickens Hall. By supporting their efforts, we can save a unique community treasure, improve our downtown and foster the kind of community pride needed to help Heuvelton prosper.

Please, join us in becoming Early Risers for Pickens Hall, and forward thinkers for our community. Together, let us honor our past, and build our future.

Your friends and neighbors,

Jack Zeh

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