

Fulton County Historical Society, Inc.

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Dear Fulton County Residents, former residents and people interested in history:

The Fulton County Historical Society would like to thank the community for their continued support over the years. This letter is a fundraising plea to help raise the money for the restoration from the August 3, 2015 storm that damaged so many of the buildings here on the museum property. Insurance monies will help cover a lot of the repairs but we do not have enough money to complete all the projects at this time without addition donations.

Building	Insurance Money received	Amount to repair
Round Barn Museum	\$100,000	\$125,000
Pioneer Woman's Log Cabin	\$8,800	\$27,000
Athens Swartz Cider Mill	\$3,000	\$11,500
Kewanna Jail	\$1,500	\$5,000
Sutton Te-rock Blacksmith Shop	\$3,500	\$6,000
DIFFERENCE \$57,700	\$116,800	\$174,500

FCHS Board of Directors made the decision to rebuild everything that was damaged from storm (Microburst/Tornado) and have hired Mill Creek Custom Homes- Shawn Spence and Jayh Construction (Amish Crew) to get the Round Barn Museum done first on this list. Other buildings will be worked on as well by other crews when the money is available to cover the additional costs. Donations have been received previously and we thank you, but as you can see we still have a ways to go.

The barn is the biggest project due to roof being completely gone, over half of the walls are gone and floor joist damaged as well. This project will take a while but work is starting, so watch for the progress. Items from inside the barn are stored in a secured building, and only a couple things were actually damaged from the roof falling down on them. **All the buildings are important** and each has its own history behind why it was added to the Living History Village. Repairs have been made to the roofs of the Rochester Depot, Print Shop and the main museum since the storm also. The caboose had minimal damage and will be repaired, and the cupola from the barn has damaged the Rochester Bridge Company Bridge.

A storage building is desperately needed in addition to all the repairs. FCHS plan was to get a storage building put up this past summer so that we could expand displays inside the museum itself but plans got changed after the storm. FCHS had \$10,000 to put toward this project with volunteers working on construction of this building. We had gotten quotes for a construction company to come and put up the building shell and cement floor at the cost of \$30,000. It is amazing the amount of items that are stored inside the buildings that were damaged that we had to scramble to figure out where to store – you can never have enough storage.

Building	Maintenance Fund	Amount Needed
Storage Building	\$10,000	\$30,000
Museum Display Area Upgrade	-0-	\$25,000 plus

Please consider providing a generous gift of support today to help us continue to preserve Fulton County area history and memories. Your memories are important. Donations are tax deductible as FCHS is a (501 c 3 nonprofit). Thank you. "History taught us everything we know."

Melinda Clinger, Museum Director. FCHS Board of Directors: Fred Oden, Marsha Glassburn, Carla Smith, Lola Riddle, Marvin Good, Janet Sheetz, Micheal Wise, Carol Boyer, Mark Burch, James Willis, David Thomas, Barb Neighbor, Joan Bowen, Fritz Risner and Chris Sailors.

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Partner with us to rebuild our round barn & historic buildings

We understand that you have a choice in your giving options to either stay local or donate outside the county.

Donating to help rebuild the FCHS round barn, log cabin, jail and cider mill ensures that our great county continues to be the best it can be.

Please donate locally.

Send checks to Fulton Co. Hist. Soc., 37 E 375 N, Rochester IN 46975.

Thank you.

DONATION FORM:

Yes, I would like to give a tax-deductible donation (501 c 3 non-profit) to help with the following projects:

STORM DAMAGE repairs for Round Barn Museum, Bicentennial Log Cabin, Kewanna Jail, Sutton-Terock Memorial Blacksmith Shop, and Athens/Swartz Cider Mill.

MUSEUM STORAGE BUILDING we desperately need this storage building so that we can better display and care for the historic items inside the museum. Upgrading and expanding already overflowing displays, putting in more efficient lights and furnace would be possible.

Enclosed is my donation of _____ \$10,000 _____ \$5,000 _____ \$2,500 _____ \$1,000
_____ \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ Other

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

PLAQUE INFORMATION: (\$100 or more)

Name or Business _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Make checks payable to: Fulton Co. Hist. Soc.

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Thank you for your consideration and continued support.