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Preserving Our Past Enriches Our Future

Dear Friend of South Haven,

We are in our 22nd year and last year we thought things could not be more exciting but we were wrong. We had made considerable progress on the north side ground level of Forest House and were quite proud of ourselves. Then, shortly after the new year, our tenant opted out of their lease and we received a grant (the donor and the grantor to forever remain anonymous) that provided funding for us to complete most of the renovations on the building and to restore the recently vacated south ground level space into a performance, event, and meeting space configured as a 1910 tavern to be referred to hereafter as a speakeasy. The donor requested that it be named Chez D. During the succeeding three months we have made incredible strides. The details of this flurry of restoration and rebuilding will be presented in a short program at 6:30 pm on the night of the open house to review the progress we have made at Forest House in the last year and the exciting plans ahead.

This letter however is to also tell you about what else we have been doing and to encourage you to become a member or to renew your membership so we can continue to be able to support our organizational efforts and care for the Lighthouse and Hartman School as well as Forest House.

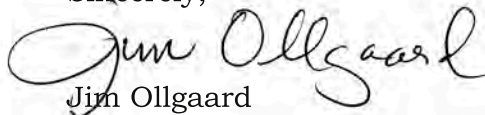
The lighthouse was painted last summer and remained pristine for the whole season. We were open downtown on event weekends and even opened the lighthouse to allow visitors to peek inside. Our regular schedule of events at Hartman School including the Sherman's Ice Cream Social continued into the fall and winter. Our schedule is full for the coming year and you will receive emails to keep you informed. Please plan on joining us.

Preserving South Haven's history is the Association's mission. All the work we do is toward that end. Historical artifacts, photos and documents continue to come into the archives. A steady flow of visitors keeps us on our toes. This is an ongoing and costly effort.

You make this possible. We can't do it without you.

We are a 501(c)(3) corporation which allows your donation to be tax deductible. There is a remittance envelope enclosed for your convenience. Please include your email address so we can keep you up-to-date regarding the activities of your Association.

Sincerely,


Jim Ollgaard
President