Preserving History

Current Projects
The funding provided by donors supplies the start-up money for the events, programming, and productions that have contributed some significant funds to further support special projects such as the wall repairs, upkeep, and maintenance.

Productions
The Huber is more than just a building. Recently, the Huber began producing its own shows starting with Dixie Swim Club in 2016. Since then the Huber has produced 16 shows including an ever-expanding Youth Program. In just 4 years the youth program has blossomed into three different age-leveled shows and serves over 120 children each year.

Fundraisers
Fundraising Projects are an on-going process at the Huber. Annually these fundraisers not only support the budget, but continue to involve more community members from the expanding geographic area from surrounding counties in planning and attending a variety of activities including: Winetasting, Huber Canteen, Festival of Wreaths, Prom Dress Event, Quilt Show, Gun Raffles, and the Color Fun Run.

Sponsors & Patrons of the Arts
Many avenues of support are available as a Star Supporter, Patron of the Arts, or Event Sponsor. Star Supporters have pledged a five-year commitment for funding to pay off the mortgage. Patrons of the Arts donate annually to support the programming and Event Sponsors designate funding for a specific production, program, or event.

Mission Statement
To preserve the history of the community through building restoration; To promote culture in the arts through education, entertainment, and quality programming; To provide a community center through participation of volunteers, local schools and organizations.

Happening at Huber

Volunteers are Involved
Many volunteers have participated in the restoration and have been recognized on the Thank You Wall of Honor. The Huber continues to rely on volunteers to keep the facilities running smoothly and efficiently. Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions such as ushering, working in the gift shop, and helping at events.

How can I get involved?
There are many ways the Huber needs your help on a volunteer to keep the facilities running smoothly and efficiently. Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions such as ushering, working in the gift shop, and helping at events.

For more information about ways to meet your philanthropic goals, contact:
The Huber Opera House and Civic Center
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You may also visit Huberoperahouse.org
Preserving the History

The Huber Opera House & Civic Center is a non-profit, privately-funded theater that is being restored to its original glory to enliven the rich heritage that began in 1892. The vision continues as dynamic productions, educational programs, and entertaining programs are presented in the beautifully reconstructed décor that honors the past while inspiring the future. Hundreds of children and adults participate in a wide variety of opportunities for cultural enrichment annually.

Donors Make It Happen

Donations, large and small have contributed to the on-going activities, repairs, and operation of the Huber. As a non-profit organization, funds from a variety of sources support the total operations.

The Need

During the past 20 years, the public has been actively involved in the reconstruction of the Huber Opera House. Progress has been made in the lobby, restrooms, community rooms, office, auditorium and exterior of the building. Most of the work on the structure has been completed, however, many areas still need attention along with on-going maintenance and repairs to continue the restoration process.

How to give

Now is the time! It is never too early to create your legacy. Take control of how your assets will be distributed by meeting with your estate planning attorney and with your tax advisor to implement tax-saving strategies today. There are many ways that you can support the Huber that have little or no impact on your lifestyle. Please discuss the following options with your tax advisor and estate lawyer to consider the following to receive tax benefits.

• Donate Appreciated Stock to the Huber at fair market value for a full amount tax deduction to a charitable tax exempt organization and no capital gains taxes.
• Donate Required Minimum Distribution (RMD at age 71½) from an IRA or 401K retirement account to the Huber to avoid reporting this as taxable income because it has been donated to a tax exempt charity.
• In addition, please consider including the Huber as a designated recipient in your Will and Estate Planning process.

Future Projects

The Board of Directors has created a long “wish list” to further develop the Huber facility such as repairing the interior walls of the auditorium, updating the balcony seating, replacing glass in windows and doors, a marquee on the front of the building, updating the stage lighting and sound equipment, replace stage flooring, developing a basement area for storage, and many other areas that could use a facelift.

In addition, more activities could be offered to a variety of ages that could include informational, inspirational, educational programs. Suggestions that have been made include a garden club, crafting sessions, and a women’s conference. Through continued support from the community, the Huber will be able to pursue these goals to improve the Huber facility and programming in the future.

Where does the money go?

• Annual Operating Costs: $42,000; heat, lights, water, sewer, garbage, taxes and state filings, insurance
• Star Supporters (in savings account to pay Mortgage): $28,000
• Mortgage paid in 2018: 10,800/ Mortgage balance (EOY 2018): $95,000
• Accumulated in Savings accounts: $32,100
• Maintenance costs in 2018/Wall fund: $135,000 paid in full for exterior walk, remaining balance (EOY 2018): $5,000

Thank you to generous donors, the exterior walls have been repaired and the interior walls, floor joists under the exterior walls, and the doors of the auditorium are now restored due to water leaking, damage that occurred from the deteriorated exterior walls. However, other areas of the facility needing attention include the balcony, interior walls of the stage area, stage floor/stairs, basement areas, storage areas, lighting and sound equipment.

Completed brick wall of the Huber

Donations (2%); Movies (1%); Other (12%); Concessions (5%); Concert/Event (19%); Private/Business contributions (25%); Grants (16%); Productions (1%); Income 2018

Note: This chart does not include the $25,000 raised in 2018 for exterior wall repairs.

2018 Expenses & Savings

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Ameako Swilley Bingham (1869-1927) Founder of Huber Opera House in 1892

Huber Opera House when first built.