



**Niagara History Center**  
215 Niagara Street  
Lockport, New York 14094



March 7, 2024

Dear Friend of the Niagara History Center,

The Niagara History Center, formerly the Niagara County Historical Society, is embarking on its 2024 Annual Appeal. Through your generous donation, we can fulfill our mission to preserve, promote, and interpret the diverse cultural heritage of the people, places, and events related to Niagara County and the Erie Canal. Post-pandemic funding is critical to enable the center to operate and fund the various activities that we offer to the public. Our campus consists of 3 locations in the City of Lockport that support preserving our local history for generations to come. We have been in operation since 1921, and your generous support will enable us to continue our mission. We are a vital community asset and the catalyst for connecting our past, present, future, and our vision has been always to support our local history. We encompass strong values that focus on:

Excellence ~ Preservation ~ Integrity ~ Collaboration ~ Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Our main campus is located at 215 Niagara Street, and consists of 7 buildings, we also operate the Colonel Bond House on 143 Ontario Street, as well as the Erie Canal Discovery Center at the heart of the Historical Lockport Locks District. This funding helps to contribute to maintaining operations and upkeep on our many buildings. It also allows for us to expand programming, such as recognizing the 200<sup>th</sup> Bi-Centennial opening of the Erie Canal in 2025, our many educational programming opportunities in 2024, and current staff needs. Upcoming programs consist of Historic Photographers of Lockport on March 14<sup>th</sup> and Lockport's Natural Caves on April 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 200<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Bond House exhibit celebrating 200 years of weddings, our annual Gala and Auction is August 24, 2024 at Willow Brook Golf Course, and our German themed Oktoberfest on October 19 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension on the Niagara County Fairgrounds. Support of these events further helps meet our mission and funding objectives.

The Board of Trustees and staff are grateful for any monetary support our members and patrons can provide. If you would like to donate annually or monthly, we can accommodate your wishes. Please return the enclosed envelope or contact the Niagara History Center at 716-434-7433 to have your contribution processed.

*"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give" - Winston Churchill*

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Selena Truax Morello". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Selena Truax Morello  
Annual Appeal Chair  
Vice President Board of Trustees

