



# BROWN HOUSE EVENT CENTER

"building community"

# NEWSLETTER

*1903 Charles and Martha Brown House is managed by Santiam Heritage Foundation, 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation*

## YOU MAKE HISTORY COME ALIVE FOR THE CHILDREN IN THE CANYON

You make possible the organization of materials we have been fortunate to inherit, and allow us to develop historic programs to teach today's students about our history. Brown House is important in preserving a historic sense of place in Stayton, and you keep it alive.

- You give us resources to preserve historic artifacts of Stayton's historian, Ernst Lau
- You help us preserve the photographs of Stayton's early days as preserved by the Brown Family (come see our new gallery)
- Your donation develops educational programs for students and adults alike

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## LOOKING FOR THE IDEAL SPACE FOR YOUR EVENT?

### PLANNING A WEDDING, SHOWER, FORMAL EVENT, OR FAMILY GATHERING?

We have the perfect space for you to create a unique, historical, memorable, special day.

### OUR SPACE

Our first floor consists of about 1200 sf.

This includes:

- A welcoming room
- A caterer's kitchen
- Restroom facilities
- A formal dining room
- Two front parlors

Our wraparound porch and two acre grounds are also available

We offer specific rates for Social Events, Weddings, Business Meetings, and Nonprofit Organization Meetings.

Contact Wendy Stone for further information on planning your event needs.

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### Donation Form - Supporting History Events Both

\$15- Yearly Supporter for Fixed-Income Patrons- includes Newsletter

\$30- Regular Yearly Supporter- Includes Newsletter

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$100- Gold Yearly Supporter- includes two people attending one event within one year- incl. Newsletter

\$250- Platinum Yearly Supporter- includes two people attending two events within one year + Newsletter

\$500 - Diamond Yearly Supporter- includes free admission to all event for one year plus one 4 hour private event within one year + Newsletter



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November 2018

Carol Zolkoske, Historian, Board Member

### **CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF BROWN HOUSE.**

Last month, a group of students from Regis High School came for a morning to clean and tidy up the house in preparation for the Victorian Tea that occurred that weekend. They cheerfully dusted, mopped and vacuumed. I commented that we have been working to restore the house since before they were born and now they were doing their part to help. A week later, the 2nd grade class from Stayton Grade School came to see and learn about the history of the house. They have been studying Stayton history. After answering many questions, I was quite pleased at the interest they had about where they lived and the Brown house. I told them that the house is a wonderful legacy from the past to the future.

If there was ever any concern that future generations would not see or understand the importance of learning about the past that has all been put to rest for me. Some of these children are 4th and 5th generation in the area. Many are new to the area, but most seem to understand the importance of having a connection to the past. Since the Charles and Martha Brown House has been a part of Stayton since 1903, many families do have a connection because of a birth when it was the Stayton Hospital from 1927 to 1939. So far we have located more 100 babies that were born at the hospital and the search continues. Over the years it has been a boarding house, private home and apartments. But what the Santiam Heritage Foundation Board hears most these days are people's comments is how right before their eyes it has been transformed from a building in a terrible state of repair and

close to being demolished to a bright cheery place where they attend activities of all sorts.

### **YOU ARE OUR PARTNERS IN THIS WORK**

Some take the good things in their lives for granted. But the restoration of the Brown House has been a long, involved process that has never been taken for granted. It would not have been possible without the help of so many. The SHF board is grateful for everything that has made this amazing journey possible. From the substantial grants from corporations, to individual supporters, to the volunteers who help with fund raising and restoration work. It is not possible to mention all the ways that people have helped SHF over the years. All is very much appreciated.

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. It also could be said that it takes a village to restore a house and give it a purpose and meaning.

This has been a very successful year for the Santiam Heritage Foundation. In addition to the many events, we have also been able to rent the house out for parties, baby showers, and other gatherings. Renting event space is a very important part of our plans for the house to be self-sustaining. Give us a call if you have an upcoming event and are interested in renting the house. Again, thank you all for being an important part of this once in a lifetime opportunity to save this beautiful house. Thank you for volunteering, for being a supporter, for donating whatever amount you could afford. But mostly, thank you for letting us know in so many ways that you are behind this wonderful project.