

Emergency Grant Recipient 2011-2012

1. **Chestnut Square Historic Village – \$1,100. Oak Tree Removal.** A 100+ year old double trunk red oak in the courtyard at Chestnut Square was determined to be infested with borers. After two years of effort to save the trees, first one tree was cut down after it died, then the second was found to also be dead. The Heritage Guild of Collin County had exhausted their operating funds in the efforts to deal with the oak trees and could not afford to remove the second tree. The dead tree was in the middle of the courtyard, next to the 1864 Two-Bit Taylor Inn. It is also in the middle of the weekly Farmers Market and field trips and Prairie Adventure Camp activities. As long as the dead tree remained in that spot, it posed a danger to the Taylor Inn and visitors to Chestnut Square. The tree was cut down before the weekly Farmers Markets and the busy field trip season began.
2. **Allen Heritage Guild – \$2,500. Security Doors: Heritage Village Churches.** The Allen Heritage Guild is the “shepherd” of the Allen Historic Village. Since the Village is in a remote part of the downtown with no nearby residences, the buildings are not always under the watchful eye of the citizens of Allen. The Allen Christian Church is one example of the chance of vandalism. Before the church was renovated, there were several cases of vandalism inside the church. After the renovations, there have been attempts to get in through the back door. The second example of the opportunity for vandalism is the weather beaten, decaying, wooden back doors of the St. Mary Baptist Church. For the Allen Christian Church, the Allen Heritage Guild proposes installation of a wrought iron and glass security door with two locks. This door would be installed several inches from the current wooden door. For the St. Mary Baptist Church, the Guild proposes replacement of the wooden back doors with fiberglass doors. The fiberglass doors are stronger and will withstand exposure to the weather far better than wooden doors. The installation of the new back doors will improve the security of the two churches and history of Collin County can be preserved.

Emergency Fund Awards 2010-2011

1. **Chestnut Square Historic Village – \$2,000. Dulaney House Air Conditioning/Furnace Replacement.** The historic Dulaney House is one of the structures residing in the historic village, and is used for small receptions and parties. The rental income from such events is part of the regular funding of the village. The air conditioning/heating unit for the house, after many years of repairs (done due to lack of funds to replace the failing unit), finally became unfixable, requiring an expensive replacement right before the busy rental season for the house. Still without adequate funds to pay for such repairs, and facing significant revenue losses due to the inability to use the house during the hottest time of the year, Chestnut Square received emergency funds to replace the unit in time to continue business as usual.

2. **Heritage Farmstead Museum – \$4,500. Replacement of Farrell-Wilson House Chimney.** The museum, through another grant, was able to have the physical health and status of its farmsite assessed by experts. The assessment uncovered major faults with the chimneys of the Farrell-Wilson House, the historical showpiece of the museum. The chimneys posed significant safety and structural threats, as the original mortar in the brick structures had completely disintegrated, leaving the chimneys at immediate risk of falling. Emergency funds were granted to fix the chimneys, eliminating the fear of harm to visitors and the historic home.

Emergency Fund Awards 2009-2010

1. **Farmersville Historical Society-\$2,000-Bain Honaker House, Restoration and Repairs.** The Bain Honaker House had a major structural problem. The floor is not solid and is dangerous for children and other visitors. A replacement beam was needed to run perpendicular to the weak joists of the floor. The second floor repair also affected the ceiling and wallpaper of the downstairs bedroom, which had to be repaired and replaced. As the second story floor situation was a significant public safety concern, the preservation of this 1865 home was needed immediately.