



MANCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Dear Manchester Historical Society Members,

My name is Chris Malone and I am a new member of the Board of Directors. My request today is for your support of our Annual Membership Giving Campaign. But first, a little history:

Did you know that on February 18, 1895, a terrible fire leveled a Cheney Brothers machine shop right here on Pine Street? Judson W. Cobb, a Cheney Brothers worker wrote “fire” into his notebook after he and his fellow employees watched helplessly as the company machine shop burned to the ground. The machine shop and the people who worked there were the heart of a rapidly growing company; they maintained, repaired, and constructed the machines that kept the factories running smoothly. In an instant, it was gone.

With challenge came opportunity. Within months of the fire, rebuilding had begun and banding together, the employees constructed and set up a larger, more capable machine shop.

Today, that same building now serves as our History Center: the future home of the Manchester History Museum. Mr. Cobb’s notebook has found a home in one of our collections!

Have you been to the History Center lately? With large flexible exhibition galleries and community space, it is bustling with change and enthusiasm as we prepare new programs, exhibits, and events. Staff, interns, and volunteers are hard at work here as well as at the Cheney Homestead, the Woodbridge Farmstead, and the Old Manchester Museum. We encourage you to stop by and see them all!

Our challenges today also come with opportunity. Your generous tax-deductible donations will allow us to provide exciting new exhibits and events, as well as help offset the costs of preserving and protecting the Society’s collections and historic properties. The generosity of donors like you, as passionate about Manchester’s rich and diverse history as we are, serves as the cornerstone on which we are building an even better Historical Society.

On behalf of the Board of the Manchester Historical Society, thank you for your consideration. We hope to see you soon.

Chris Malone
Board Member

Our Mission...

Educate the public about the history of Manchester, Connecticut, collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit information and artifacts about the town and its diverse population, and advocate for the preservation of significant historic resources.

Our Vision...

The Manchester Historical Society will be the premier resource for information about the history and heritage of Manchester, Connecticut that includes the Native American culture and the growth of the agricultural, industrial and suburban communities of the Northeast. It will attract visitors of all ages from around the country to its exhibitions and programs. Its efforts will reflect the diversity of the community and will remain connected to the community.

Annual Fund Appeal

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