

Wellesley Historical Society

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THE WELLESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Bring Our History Home

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History is a vital component of the civic and cultural life of our community. Preserving and interpreting Wellesley's past informs the way we understand our world today, shapes the decisions we make for our future, and helps us build a strong community identity.

For 95 years, the Wellesley Historical Society has preserved Wellesley's history for future generations. The Society, based in the Dadmun-McNamara House, continues to increase its collections, exhibits, programs, and gatherings, and has outgrown its current space.

When the Stanwood House became available, the Society jumped at the chance to acquire it. This beautiful and historic, 5,000 square-foot home provides ample space to house the Society's current and future collections and to host a growing calendar of programs and events. Its central location is visible and accessible to all. Expanding into the Stanwood House will allow the Society to realize its vision of enriching Wellesley life and identity through community engagement and preservation of our collective heritage.

With the Stanwood House purchased and initial preparation work complete, there remain several challenges that the Society must meet to continue its success for the next 95 years.

TO DO THIS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

Join the Wellesley Historical Society in 2022 as it launches the second phase of its public campaign to transform the Stanwood House and improve its capabilities to serve the Wellesley community for the next 95 years. The Society has made great progress toward its overall campaign goal of \$2.5 million, with nearly \$1.5 million raised already.

Complete the Purchase of the Stanwood House

GOAL: \$1,500,000.00

REMAINING: 0

The first phase of the campaign concluded in the summer of 2021 when the Society reached its goal to complete the purchase of the Stanwood House. In addition, this funding allowed the Society to begin planning for and executing initial renovation work, including lighting, painting and improved accessibility on the first floor.

Funds already raised made possible:

- Society ownership of the Stanwood House by paying off the remaining mortgage
- Architectural design and planning
- Information technology infrastructure
- Improved accessibility on the first floor, including accessible bathroom
- General and exhibit interior lighting
- Interior painting on first floor

Create a New Home for Wellesley's History

GOAL: \$500,000.00

REMAINING: \$500,000.00

The Stanwood House requires a number of capital improvements before the Society can welcome the Wellesley community and provide appropriate facilities for collections storage, staff workspaces, educational programs, and community research. Through renovations, the Society will establish a vibrant center for the study of local history.

Remaining renovations will include:

- A climate-controlled environment that meets archival standards for collections storage
- Basement waterproofing system
- Entranceway accessibility
- Administrative offices
- Archival storage systems for the basement and second floor
- Landscaping/hardscaping and parking

Create an Endowment

GOAL: \$500,000

REMAINING: \$500,000

The Society has been an integral part of the Town for 95 years, and it is the Society's goal to be able to carry out its mission for many more years to come. An endowment is an investment in Wellesley's history today so that others may benefit from its lessons tomorrow.