

## Hower House

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Dear Business Owner/Friend:

The Hower House Museum regularly offers unique opportunities to “step back in time” to experience the elegant home, furnishings, and history of the Hower family along with a chance to see the horse-drawn carriage collection in its nearby Carriage House.

While the Museum offers tours and programs 11 months per year, the Carriage House tours are offered in the warm weather months – May through late October – each year. Sadly the Carriage House and its permanent exhibit have been off tour this entire season, awaiting essential structural repairs to the foundation, a need only discovered at the closing of our 2017 season. In response, we are launching a campaign to raise funds to be used for necessary Carriage House repairs and upgrades to this historic structure.

Our first event will take place Saturday, September 15, 2018, at the Fairlawn Country Club. The luncheon event and program, *Remembering Yesterday's Bride*, will be offered along with a silent auction of donated goods and services. The program, a nostalgic look at historical bridal attire, will be presented by Laura Loew of Lost in the Past, who will present the history of the bridal trousseau and prepare a live model in an early 1900-era vintage gown.

We would like to ask for your support in donating items or a gift basket to be auctioned at our luncheon event. Items may include gift cards, merchandise, admission tickets, crafts, promotional items, memorabilia, event tickets, certificates for hotel or spa stays or other services, etc.

Attached please find a form requesting a brief description of your donation, along with its estimated dollar value. This will aid us in determining a starting bid.

We plan to produce a list of all local community businesses and individual supporters to provide to our 150 luncheon guests. If you should decide to donate to this worthy cause, please also provide us with a copy of your company or business logo to be included in our printed materials.

Donations will be accepted at the Museum located at 60 Fir Hill in Akron, or by contacting Stephanie Dowler at 330-607-4663 for pick-up. Your donation will be needed by September 8, 2018, in order to meet the printing deadline. Please feel free to call Stephanie if you should have any questions.

Hower House Museum and the Carriage House are owned by The University of Akron and operate as a non-profit organization. This event is sponsored by board of the Hower House Museum Guild.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of this worthy effort. We hope to see you in the coming months at the Hower House Museum along with the Carriage House, once it reopens for public tours.

Sincerely,

Hower House Museum Guild Board

Silent Auction Donation Form

To benefit essential repairs of the Carriage House at Hower House Museum

Event date: September 15, 2018 - *Remembering Yesterday's Bride*

Name of Business or Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Web address or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Donation Items or Services:

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Estimated value: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be acknowledged in the program? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please list our name or name of your company or organization as it should be listed:

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*Please note: companies or organization wishing to have their logo included in printed acknowledgment materials, please attach a copy of your logo or send a hi-resolution jpeg or pdf file to: [howerhouse@uakron.edu](mailto:howerhouse@uakron.edu). Thank you!*

*Please note that all items must be received by September 8, 2018 for inclusion in our printed acknowledgment materials.*

Please bring item(s) to Hower House Museum, located 60 Fir Hill in Akron. Please call ahead before delivering item (330-972-6909).

For pick up or questions, please contact Stephanie Dowler at 330-607-4663.