YOUR DONATION HELPS US CONTINUE... PIONEERING Possibilities

Help us reach our goal of $160,000 during the Stuhr Museum Foundation’s 2020 Annual Fund Drive! Donations of any amount are welcome!

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE:

BY CREDIT CARD
DONATE ONLINE AT STUHRMUSEUM.ORG

BY MAIL
3133 W. HIGHWAY 34,
GRAND ISLAND, NE 68801

BY PHONE
GIVE US A CALL AT 308-385-5316

Donations will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2020.

STUHR MUSEUM KEEPS HISTORY ALIVE ... AND THRIVING!

The mission of Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer is to preserve and portray the inspiring era of the pioneers who created the first communities in Nebraska.

You can participate in that mission through:

MEMBERSHIPS
Beginning at $45, memberships provide free admission to the museum for a full year and admission to the exclusive members-only night of Christmas Past and Present, plus additional benefits.

INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS
Stuhr engages schools and families across the nation with virtual programming such as behind-the-scenes virtual tours, live virtual receptions and art talks, podcasts and other online educational opportunities.

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PIONEERING

On July 4, 1857, the first pioneers arrived at what is now Grand Island, Nebraska. One hundred and ten years later, Stuhr Museum began another kind of pioneering when it opened its doors for the first time. For 53 years, Stuhr Museum has told the story of those initial pioneers and all who followed — turning prairie into town and town into city. The museum continues to pioneer ever-increasing ways to preserve and present the area’s history:

• 79,828 three-dimensional artifacts
• 43,441 historic photographs and documents
• 130-day annual season of living history at Railroad Town
• 60 historic structures on a 200-acre campus
• 3 exhibit buildings

Those three words sum up what we love about Grand Island and why we agreed to chair Stuhr Museum Foundation’s 2020 Annual Fund Drive Campaign, “Pioneering Possibilities.”

Pioneering runs in our blood. Among our family’s forefathers, Marx Stelk was one of Grand Island’s first settlers in the 1850s. Two generations later, John Degen ran a bakery famous for the Degen Coffee Cake. John’s son, Bill Degen Sr., opened the Golden Point restaurant on Second Street in 1961 and brought Burger King to town in 1976.

For more than a century, the Degen family has grown up with Grand Island — and, since 1967, with Stuhr Museum! Our children and grandchildren have enjoyed countless school trips, summer classes and Halloween and Christmas events at Stuhr, and we’ve shared the enthusiasm right along with them!

With its educational and family events, historical preservation and economic impact, Stuhr Museum makes Grand Island a better place for all of us. With Stuhr Museum, the possibilities truly are endless!

Now it’s our opportunity — and yours — to give back to the museum that’s given our families so much! From our largest corporate donor, Pinnacle Bank, to every individual, we all have an opportunity to be pioneers, paving the way for the many possibilities Stuhr Museum represents.

Please join us in helping the Stuhr Museum Foundation reach its $160,000 goal.

Bill & Kathie Degen
2020 Campaign Chairs

COMMUNITY. FAMILY. LEGACY.

POSSIBILITIES

When the first settlers arrived in Grand Island more than 160 years ago, they saw much more than prairie grass extending to the horizon. They saw endless possibilities.

Your donation to Stuhr Museum keeps that same boundless optimism alive — not only today but for generations to come. Ranging from the educational to the economic, Stuhr Museum presents myriad possibilities for a better and stronger community:

• More than a dozen annual events such as ‘Christmas Past and Present’
• 14 H.A.T.S. (Heritage Activities for Today’s Students) classes each year
• 15 to 20 classes over two months each summer
• 67,000 visitors annually
• $5.88 million in annual economic impact