

2010-2011 CCHC Grant Recipients

1. Allen Heritage Guild – \$2,000. Historical Sites Field Trips. The Allen Heritage Guild will host field trips for Allen ISD and Lovejoy ISD second grade elementary students to Allen's three historical sites. "Hop Aboard the H&TC and Learn Allen's History" is the title of this educational field trip focusing on the importance of trains and farming in the 1920s and Allen's cultural heritage. The three sites are Allen's 1874 historic dam, Heritage Center (a replica of Allen's original early 1900's depot), and the Bolin house at Heritage Village. Printing of teacher and student booklets and map stickers will be the largest program expense. Purchasing raw and seeded cotton, materials to make some of the "antique try-on" clothing, printing of vintage photos, building the artifact dig, and gathering of various supplies will round out the funds requested. Elementary students will have the opportunity to learn the culture of Allen.
2. Bear Creek Cemetery Foundation – \$2,000. Fencing. Bear Creek cemetery is fenced on three sides with a barbed wire fence. There is no fence on the east side along Country Road 544. This section of fence needs to be installed, in order to protect the cemetery from large animals, vandals, and to improve the appearance of the cemetery. The fence would consist of 300 feet of barbed-wire plus one walk-through gate (pipe) and a drive-through gate (pipe). This would greatly help toward the preservation of the cemetery, the memory of the people buried there and the history of the Empire Community in Collin County. The cemetery is the only physical representation of the original Empire Community that was located west of Nevada.
3. Cemetery Association of Murphy – \$1,000. Stone Repairs. This association was formed in 1993 to protect the Decatur/Maxwell/Murphy Cemetery and preserve the history of Murphy. The earliest marked grave is for Samuel McCreary in 1853. Thirty markers need to be repaired or raised from horizontal to vertical positions. Previous repairers have laid the broken stones horizontal in concrete. These stones will be raised to vertical and sealed to prevent further erosion of the markers. The membership of the Cemetery Association of Murphy, Inc. will do the repairs.
4. Corinth Presbyterian Church – \$1,000. McMillen Cemetery Renovations. The Corinth Presbyterian Church is the oldest continually active congregation in the county. Pioneer settler Comfort Allen McMillen established the Corinth Church on August 2, 1846. There are dense undergrowth, dead trees, and vines that block access outside the fenced areas on the west and south sides of the McMillen Cemetery. By clearing the area, there would be improved visual impact and access. Fence repair is needed. A rogue vehicle entered the east side of the

property, outside the fence, hit and bent the northeast corner post which needs to be replaced. The southeast corner post was loosened by a falling tree and needs replacement.

5. Heard-Craig Center for the Arts – \$1,500. Publication and Marketing of *The Heard Legacy*. The Heard-Craig Center for the Arts commissioned a manuscript in 2000 with plans for it to become a book chronicling the life of the Heard family of McKinney. The primary reason for commissioning the book is for the history of this family to be accessible, accurate and preserved for study by future generations. Ms. Apple's manuscript, *The Heard Legacy*, was submitted to the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts in the spring of 2010. Judy Wiley an experienced writer/editor will have the book prepared for print by August 1, 2010. This will be a sixty page publication with family photos included throughout the book. This book project meets the goals of the Collin Historical Commission by preserving the history of the Heard family who arrived in McKinney in 1861.
6. Heritage Association of Frisco – \$2,000. Adding Four Stained Glass Windows to Lebanon Baptist Church. The 1904 Lebanon Baptist Church is located at the Heritage Center of Frisco. Currently there are stained glass windows that have been reconstructed for the north windows and the pulpit area. Richard Oldham, a local artist and director of Public Art for the City of Frisco, has volunteered to create the windows in the style of the current stained glass windows for only the cost of materials. The windows will match the other windows which Richard Oldham reconstructed for the church. The four windows on the west side are especially important to diffuse the west sun to protect the wood floors, the original pew benches, cushions and the historical piano of 1905. The addition of the windows will add to the beauty and history of this church.
7. Heritage Association of Frisco – \$1,200. Graphic Panels for Crozier House and Frisco Depot. The Crozier Home was built in 1895 in the town of Lebanon and was moved to the Heritage Center. The Frisco Depot is a replica of the railroad depot that sat on the west side of the railroad tracks for over 60 years. The 18' X 24" high pressure laminate panels will provide the history of the structures including pictures. These laminate signs are impervious to moisture, UV rays, cigarette burns and graffiti and carry a ten-year guarantee against delaminating, separating, cracking, and peeling. Since the buildings cannot be opened on a daily basis, these panels would provide the historical significance of the structures for visitors.
8. Heritage Guild of Collin County – \$2,000. McKinney Historic District Trolley Tour. The McKinney Historic District Trolley Tour will provide to visitors of historic downtown McKinney the opportunity to tour the historic district in the

comfort of the new “historic” McKinney trolley. The tour will leave at 10:00 a.m. every Saturday morning from McKinney Performing Arts Center and follow the route to Chestnut Square where members of the tour may disembark for a tour of the homes in the village at 11:00 a.m. The trolley will return to MPAC as its final stop. A docent will provide commentary on the historical homes on the route and the history of McKinney. New visitors to Collin County and Chestnut Square will have a unique opportunity to tour the city. The main emphasis of the grant will be to develop tour guide programs and tour development which includes tour guide development and training.

9. Plano Conservancy – \$2,000. Publication of Driving Brochure of Plano Pioneer Cemeteries. Grant funds will be used to design, print and distribute a brochure promoting a driving tour of pioneer cemetery sites, and will include children’s discovery questions for each cemetery location. Signage has been installed at each location which includes Collinsworth, Leach-Thomas, Plano Mutual, Young, Rowlett Creek, Old City Cemetery, Bethany, Baccus, and Bowman cemeteries. The signage provides a brief overview of the origin of each cemetery and link the location to one or more of the earliest families who migrated to the Plano area in the early 1840s. The brochure will contain a map indicating the locations of each cemetery, brief driving instructions, and various learning activities. Other heritage groups in Plano will be profiled such as the African American Museum and the Heritage Farmstead Museum. The planned brochure will serve as a tool to help increase awareness of the existence of those sacred sites, to generate interest in visitors to become actively involved in the ongoing maintenance needs of each site and to instill in these individuals the need to provide for the long term preservation of these final resting places.
10. Prosper Historical Society – \$2,000. Past Pack. Past Pack will include a trunk or another suitable container which will be taken to elementary schools and other locations to demonstrate how life has changed since the founding of Prosper in 1902. The goal of the project is to teach elementary age students about the history and heritage of the town of Prosper. Farming implements, communication devices, clothing, household items, plant samples, and photographs showing how the enclosed items were used during the late 1800s throughout the 1930s will be transported to schools in a trunk. A volunteer dressed in period costume will transport the trunk to classrooms, the library, and other interested organizations to explain and/or demonstrate how the artifacts served farmers and other members of the town of Prosper. At the end of the presentation, the volunteer will give the teacher a list of suggested activities from a packet. Some items in the trunk will be borrowed from the Prosper Museum and others will need to be purchased from sources listed on the internet or in catalogs offered by antique dealers. This project is an excellent approach for experiential learning in history.

11. Rowlett Creek Cemetery Association – \$1,000. Fence Replacement. The oldest marked grave in the Rowlett Cemetery dates back to 1862 and is located near the Rowlett Creek Baptist Church, which was established in 1842. Grant funds will assist in building a new fence across the west side of the property. Phase I of 670 feet of a black coated fence is near completion. The grant money will be used to complete the fence, which will be approximately 360 feet. The new fence will enhance the appearance of the cemetery and help preserve its history.

12. Young Family Cemetery Association – \$2,000. Decayed Tree Pruning/Removal. The first burial in Young Cemetery occurred in 1847 and the Young family, for whom the Cemetery is named, was one of the first pioneer families in Collin County. Grant funding will provide for preventive maintenance of decaying trees in the cemetery which overhang the Texas Historical Marker, Historic Texas Cemetery medallion and many gravestones. A large pecan tree is in dire need of pruning to prevent dead limbs from falling and damaging historical assets. Three other trees need removal due to their decayed state and threat of falling on grave markers, fencing, visitors or volunteers performing maintenance in the cemetery.

Emergency Fund Awards:

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.

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.