

# *Wellesley Historical Society*

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## **THE WELLESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

# *Bring Our History Home*

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!**

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## CAMPAIGN GOAL -- \$2,500,000

Join the Wellesley Historical Society as it launches its public campaign in 2020 to transform the Stanwood House and improve its capabilities to serve the Wellesley community for the next 95 years. We are making great progress toward our goal of \$2.5 million, with nearly \$1 million raised already.

This initiative will transform the Stanwood House into a facility that provides:

- Fit-to-purpose and safe storage facilities for the collections;
- Space for permanent and rotating exhibits, and for educational programming;
- Offices for staff; and,
- Space for expanded community participation.

A successful campaign will also ensure the Society's long-term financial sustainability, allowing it to continue providing education, exhibit, and collections programs to the Wellesley community for many decades to come.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Achieving the fundraising goal is critical to our objectives of transforming the Stanwood House into a community asset and providing for the Society's continued financial sustainability.

We will use these funds to:

### Create a New Home for Wellesley's History

**GOAL: \$1,500,000**

**REMAINING: \$520,000**

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

### Remaining renovations will include:

- A climate-controlled environment
- Entranceway accessibility
- Administrative offices

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- High-density basement collection storage
- Low-density second-floor collection storage
- Landscaping/hardscaping and parking

## Funds already raised made possible:

- Purchase of the Stanwood House
- Architectural design and planning
- Information technology infrastructure
- Improved accessibility on the first floor, including accessible bathroom
- Exhibit space
- General and exhibit interior lighting
- Exterior lighting
- Interior painting on first floor
- Initial tree maintenance

## Complete the Purchase of the Stanwood House

**GOAL: \$500,000**

**REMAINING: \$500,000**

Owning the Stanwood House outright is necessary for the Society's long-term financial position, and will improve its ability to serve the community by freeing up funds for the Society's operations and programming.

## Create an Endowment

**GOAL: \$500,000**

**REMAINING: \$500,000**

The Society has been an integral part of Town for 95 years, and it is our hope that it will be in existence 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.

