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Dear Friend:

History is important here at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site!

In fact, historical thinking and historical knowledge are central to our purpose of helping prepare adults and students alike for responsible citizenship--building communities of informed, active citizens confident in their ability to make reasoned decisions and interact effectively with others.

Today, however, many historic sites are drawing fewer and fewer visitors...at a time when Americans have developed "historical amnesia" and the need for improved teaching of American history in the schools is critical.

The TR Inaugural Site is an exception to this troubling circumstance. Our unique approach - connecting the past to the present to build a better future - is keeping history relevant today, adding real value to the communities we serve, and attracting repeat visitors hungry for rich and engaging experiences. In this year alone, for example, we've experienced 30% increases in both in-person and virtual visits to the museum.

Can we count on you to help us continue to make a difference?

Even though the TR Inaugural Site is Western New York's only National Park Service (NPS) facility, unlike most other parks, we receive only approximately one-third of our annual funding from the federal government. And, as our growth continues, the dollars received from NPS are actually shrinking as a percentage of our operating budget.

The Site's fiscal year ends in September. And, the need for your gift couldn't be greater!

Today's world is wrought with political and social tensions that can be challenging for adults and confusing for students. We are being called upon to make sense out of this world. Help us prepare the citizens of today and tomorrow so they are better able to serve as catalysts for positive change in their communities.

We hope you'll support us this year. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stanton H. Hudson, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Stanton H. Hudson, Jr., Executive Director
Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site