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## 2008 Annual Giving Fund Help Preserve a Home for Georgia's Past

Dear Friend of GHS:

Georgia's "Elegant Attic" is in trouble. For over 130 years, the Georgia Historical Society's Hodgson Hall has served as home to the oldest collection of Georgia materials anywhere in the world, sheltering and preserving the irreplaceable evidence of our past from harmful and threatening elements such as rain, humidity, and pests that would destroy them. Today, historic Hodgson Hall is in need of immediate repair and preservation. That is why I am writing to ask that you consider a gift to the Georgia Historical Society's (GHS) 2008 Annual Giving Fund. The money raised in this year's campaign will be used to implement much-needed repairs to Hodgson Hall, the largest and arguably the most important artifact in the Society's collection.

As you know, the weather this summer has caused serious problems for all Georgians. Parts of the state are suffering from extreme drought, while downtown Savannah has received nearly 40 inches of rain since June 1. While the rain is welcome, the reality is the deluge of water is posing an immediate threat, characterized by leaks in both the windows and roof of the historic library (1876) and the Abrahams Annex archival wing (1970). Additionally, there have been a number of electrical concerns that have highlighted the need to replace existing lighting fixtures in the Library Reading Room. The cost for needed repairs is approximately \$125,000, a considerable sum that will strain our already stretched resources.

As conservators of Georgia's past, it is our responsibility to preserve this historic landmark structure, not only to secure the survival of the materials housed within it but also to ensure it remains a safe, inviting, and inspiring place for members, scholars, and staff both now and for many generations to come.

Please consider making a gift today! Your contribution will help to preserve not only an incomparable historic structure, but a legacy where for nearly a century and a half GHS has preserved the collective memory of Georgia and its people. And best of all, your gift to GHS's Annual Fund is entirely tax-deductible. A reply card and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you for your generosity and your commitment to preserving Georgia's history!

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd', written in a cursive style.

W. Todd Groce, Ph.D.  
President and CEO



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

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Please note that your contribution does not include membership dues. GHS is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All gifts to the Annual Giving Campaign are 100% deductible.

**Thank You!**

**Yes, I/we would like to participate in collecting, preserving, and sharing the history of Georgia with a gift of:**

\$2,500\_\_\_\_ \$1,000\_\_\_\_ \$500\_\_\_\_ \$250\_\_\_\_ \$100\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the GHS Annual Giving Campaign.

Please Charge my gift to Visa \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_

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My/Our gift is in honor/ memory (circle one) of:\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a matching gift form from my employer.