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## 2009 Annual Giving Fund

Dear Friend of History:

The Georgia Historical Society (GHS) for nearly 175 years has fulfilled its mission to collect, preserve, and tell the story of Georgia and its role in American history. As a student of history and a GHS board member and supporter, I am privileged to partner with GHS in fulfilling its vital and time-honored mission. That's why I am asking you to please join me in supporting our state's historical society by making a gift to the GHS 2008 Annual Giving Fund.

Each day brings new challenges and opportunities. For the past few years GHS has been on a roll, saving from destruction documents that shed light on our past and bringing exciting and innovative history programming to more students, teachers, and the general public than ever before. In order to continue this growth, GHS has been building its endowment and working hard to replace ever-shrinking state funding with support from the private sector. **GHS is faced once again with additional cuts that jeopardize our ability to preserve our great state's history. It is up to you and to me to make sure that we don't lose momentum.**

I am deeply impressed by the Georgia Historical Society and its stewardship of our history. GHS is actively preserving the story of our state's most distinguished leaders by securing new archival collections, such as the papers of the Dean of the Georgia Senate George Hooks and those of former U.S. Attorney General Griffin B. Bell, while caring for millions of other historic documents and artifacts that make up the collective memory of Georgia and its people. And as it preserves the records of the past, GHS is preparing our state and its citizens for the future by making history accessible through teacher training programs, curriculum development, public lectures, unique and engaging living history programming, thought-provoking publications, and a new, user-friendly website ([www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com)).

History is not a luxury, it's essential. When we know where we've been, we face the future with confidence. There are few organizations more vital to history's preservation and interpretation than the Georgia Historical Society. Please help me to help this grand old institution that does so much for our children and our state by making a fully tax-deductible gift to the GHS 2008 Annual Giving Fund today. A reply card and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience. Thank you in advance for your generosity and your commitment to Georgia's and America's history.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vince Dooley'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vince Dooley  
Campaign Chairman and Curator, GHS Board of Directors