

# Mission

## About Our Mission

The **Monroe County Heritage Museums** is a successful, vital and growing institution that maintains and operates six historic sites in Monroe County, Ala., that collectively interpret the area's rich history, ranging from prehistoric fossils, Native American culture, pioneer life, politics and the literary legacy of Truman Capote and Harper Lee. **Our mission is to bring people and history together.**

✘ **Old Courthouse Museum:** Restored to its 1930s appearance, our courthouse attracts thousands of visitors from around the world and is the model for Harper Lee's setting of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

✘ **Rikard's Mill:** Built in 1845, this working grist mill preserves past folk traditions, such as gristmilling, blacksmithing, cane syrup making, and stages many interactive events in the park each year.

✘ **Alabama River Museum:** On the banks of the Alabama River, we offer exhibits and hands-on events with fossils from the famous Claiborne Bluffs, American Indian artifacts and displays about early river life.

✘ **Faulk House Site:** Although the home where Truman Capote spent his childhood burned in 1940, portions of the rock fence and foundation remain, and a historic marker guides visitors to this site.

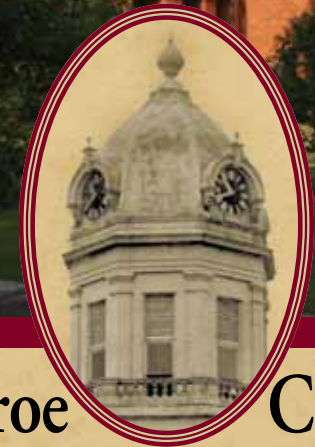
✘ **Hybart House:** One of Monroe County's most distinctive residences, the Hybart House is a grand 1920s Mediterranean villa. Available for special events.

✘ **Old Bethany Baptist Church:** Built in 1874, the church sits along the Old Federal Road in one of Monroe County's most picturesque and historic communities — Burnt Corn. Available for special events.

Our annual production of *To Kill a Mockingbird* has become Alabama's hottest theater ticket. These sold-out performances are a major source of revenue, and performances for students introduce Harper Lee's book to new audiences. Thousands of students benefit from a rich array of other educational programs that provide hands-on encounters with our area's history.



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*Endowment  
Fund*

SECURING THE FUTURE



## PRESERVING THE PAST, SECURING THE FUTURE

### Why an endowment fund?

Every year, thousands of visitors of all ages encounter history first-hand at the Monroe County Heritage Museums. They attend programs, view exhibits, visit our historic buildings, conduct research, connect with the powerful messages of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and explore Truman Capote's early life in Monroeville. Thousands of students expand their knowledge of local history and see Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel come to life in our historic courtroom.

A healthy endowment ensures that we can continue to provide first-rate educational activities and services to young people, families and tourists, and that these important cultural activities and landmarks will continue to be available for future generations.

The MCHM Endowment Fund is a permanent source of operating funds to support the mission of the Monroe County Heritage Museums. Your gifts to this campaign are held in perpetuity, invested wisely and earn income annually during your lifetime and for many years to come. Gifts to the endowment are wonderful investments in the Monroe County Heritage Museums and our community.

**Here's how it works:** First, you can rest assured your gift remains as the principal and will never be touched. Your contribution is invested and 90 percent of the income is available to the museum. Ten percent of the income is reinvested to ensure the continual growth of the endowment fund. (Example: A \$500,000 endowment earning 5 percent a year

creates \$22,500 in available annual income for MCHM).

The Endowment supports museum-wide needs. It supports activities not funded by other sources, and helps maintain and preserve the valuable historic properties we share with our community. It enables the museum to obtain matching funds for exciting new educational projects that benefit area students. It also helps us attract substantial corporate gifts that are essential to expanding our mission.

*You can make a difference in the future of the Monroe County Heritage Museums!*

### How can I contribute?

You may make a contribution to the Endowment Fund using the attached form. If you prefer to make a larger pledge payable over one to four years, we will be happy to invoice your payments.

All gifts to the fund will be acknowledged with a certificate of donation, and donors of more than \$1,000 will be honored with plaques on prominent historic points within the old courthouse, such as the courtroom jury chairs, windows and benches.

If you would like to make a gift of stock or appreciated property, please contact us by telephone or letter to discuss the procedure to make the gift. We will also be happy to work with you to establish bequests, charitable remainder trusts or transfers of life insurance and IRA/pension assets.

Your donation to the Monroe County Heritage Museums Endowment Fund is tax deductible under IRS guidelines.

*(Please return this form with your donation)*

**Yes, I would like to support the Monroe County Heritage Museums Endowment Fund:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Please list my/our name(s) as:

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I would like my contribution to remain anonymous.

My gift is in memory or honor (*circle one*) of:

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I would like to make a one-time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

payable quarterly over one year

payable in four annual payment over four years  
(MCHM will bill you as requested above.)

Make checks payable to  
**"MCHM Endowment Fund"** and return to  
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