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Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays from the SCV Historical Society! We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the hustle and bustle of the season.

In our latest newsletter, we shared some very exciting news about the work we've been doing for the last 48 years, as our founders and volunteer board of directors rescued buildings and artifacts from destruction and educated the community about our rich history. Now, as we head into our second half-century, we are shifting our priorities to restoring and sharing our vast collection using the best practices and expanding our message to include all cultures and influences that shaped this unique and fascinating area, while staying true to the founders' original intent of preservation.

In line with the organization's mission, which is "to preserve and share the culture and history of the Santa Clarita Valley," we outlined new strategic goals. An Advisory Board composed of community leaders was brought together to help identify and plan the necessary steps to create two new state-of-the-art museums within the campus site, now called Santa Clarita History Center, which includes eight historic

buildings and a steam locomotive housed within William S. Hart Park in Newhall.

Both boards work to bring current community interests to fruition and strive to raise the necessary funds to reach our new goals. An all-encompassing new logo was created to better represent the rich history of the Santa Clarita Valley. Credentialed museum authorities were brought in to review the collection and its housing, and have suggested enhanced stewardship and safety measures, as well as helping us to envision what our museums and the special historic campus site could be like.

However, for us to make our ambitious goals a reality, we need your help.

Stories are the heart of history. Won't you please help us tell the stories of our valley by making a tax-deductible gift this year? Every dollar raised will help us give the Society's collection a second life by making it more accessible to our school children, historians, friends, and neighbors. We hope that one day the Santa Clarita History Center will be the center of history tourism in our valley, and you can be an important part of that transformation and story. Your gift will give life to our founder's - and community's - dreams.

To give now, you may make a donation online [here](#), or mail your check, payable to SCV Historical Society, to P.O. Box 221925, Newhall, CA, 91322-1925. Thank you in advance for your generosity and your abiding interest in our amazing heritage.

Wishing you the best in this holiday season,

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