

A Lasting Contribution

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You can help shape the future of railroad history by naming the **Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania** in your estate plans and/or contributing to the Friends today. Your gift will provide critical support for the future of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in collecting, preserving and interpreting the rich, diverse and significant heritage of the American institution of railroading, for generations to come.

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's premier collection has grown over the years to more than 100 historic locomotives and railroad cars, made or operated in Pennsylvania, and well in excess of half of a million railroad-related artifacts, including art, photographs, archival materials and structures.

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Museum support*

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania has achieved the status of, and is readily acknowledged as, one of the finest railroad museums in the world.

Let us thank you

Please Let Us Thank You

Many people name the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in their estate plans and never notify us. We hope that you will share this information, as we would very much like to express our gratitude and acknowledge your invaluable support.

The Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is a nonprofit organization recognized as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Tax Code. Gifts to the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. A copy of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's official registration and information may be obtained by calling toll free within Pennsylvania: 1(800)732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. Copies of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's most recent audited annual financial report are available upon request. Copies of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's charitable registration, articles of incorporation, tax exempt status and bylaws are available on the Museum's website, or by contacting the advancement office.



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The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, with the active support of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.



Shape the Future of Railroad History



**With Your Gift to the
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of Pennsylvania**



History

Railroad Museum Friends Support The Museum

Many of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's highly regarded programs and activities are developed and/or actively supported by the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. A **non-profit, educational organization**, licensed by the Commonwealth, the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania has assisted in carrying out the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's mission since 1983, providing more than \$5 million in financial support and a quarter of a million volunteer hours. Much more is needed to ensure the ongoing vitality of the Museum and the care of its irreplaceable, historic railroad treasures.

Friends Endowment Fund Provides Stability

The Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania Endowment Fund are **funds set aside and permanently invested** to provide a stable and steady income to supplement other sources of revenue which support the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

If you prefer, however, your gift to the Friends may be **unrestricted**, to be utilized in the areas of greatest need. Or, if you wish, you may **direct your donation to existing areas** including, but not limited to, education, interpretation, acquisition, restoration, preservation, library, archives, special programs, exhibits, publications and staff positions.

Consider A Contribution To The Friends

Your gift to the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania may take a number of forms. Consider donations in:

- Cash
- Stocks
- Mutual funds
- In kind products and services
- Real estate
- Life insurance
- Charitable remainder trusts
- Charitable gift annuities
- Wills and bequests
- Railroad collections

Also available are:

- Naming opportunities
- Business partnerships
- Program sponsorships
- Memorials, including Railroaders' Hall
- All Aboard annual fund



Accomplishments

Accomplishments & What Is Yet To Come

The Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania has been actively involved at the Museum in the **acquisition, preservation and restoration of historic railroad equipment**, like the Buffalo & Susquehanna combination car, *John Bull* locomotive, Coudersport & Port Allegany snow plow, Pennsylvania Power & Light fireless steam engine, Cumberland Valley Railroad coach, Pennsylvania Railroad air brake instruction car, Pennsylvania Railroad freight cars, Pennsylvania Railroad GG-1 locomotive No. 4935, Pennsylvania Railroad E6s Atlantic locomotive No. 460, and many more significant railroading artifacts.

The Friends also has been **instrumental in the acquisition** of the Rolling Stock Hall addition, Stewart Junction railway education center, the restoration shop, the 1915 street scene and the front entrance and Museum store renovation, as well as **essential advancements** in the Museum's website, information technology, collections access, public programming and many other initiatives.

With your support of the Friends, the future of railroad history at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania may be shaped to develop additional needed facilities to educate many hundreds of thousands of visitors about railroaders and railroading, and to preserve the iron horses that are so important to our nation's history.

How To Contribute

We strongly encourage you to **consult your family and your attorney** when estate planning and making charitable contributions. Please also **consult your financial advisor** in order to maximize any tax savings for your estate and/or current status. There is no limit on the amount you can donate to the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

Donations may be mailed directly to the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Contributions to the All Aboard annual fund also may be made securely and conveniently online on the Museum's website.

If you have a specific purpose in mind, please contact the Museum advancement director. If you are considering a gift of your railroad collection, please contact the Museum's chief curator. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

