



Dear Friend of Hale Farm & Village,

It is often said that Hale Farm & Village has a soul. A “magical” place. An Akron and Summit County “treasure.” True, there is no place like it in all of Ohio and for so many of us Hale Farm & Village holds a special place in our hearts. I visited Hale Farm & Village as a child during the summer of 1976, a family trip to mark the American Bicentennial. Little did I know that the experience would change my life. We all have a Hale story to share.

Hale Farm & Village is owned and operated by the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS), one of the largest and most diversified historical societies in the United States. In 1956, Clara Belle Ritchie gifted Hale Farm & Village to WRHS, to “establish The Hale Farm as a museum, open to the public to the end that the greatest number of persons may be informed as to the history and culture of the Western Reserve.” We know the story well, but it bears repeating as a reminder that we have continued to honor Miss Richie for more than 60 years. Today, new generations of students and families are creating memories, as we have, that will last a lifetime.

Hale Farm & Village serves more than 80,000 guests annually, including 25,000 school children. The museum is thriving, with unique experiences for people of all ages. But it takes considerable resources to support this 99-acre site with 34 historic structures, heritage animal breeds, gardens and crop fields, spectacular vistas and venues for private parties and events. Our incredible, dedicated paid staff are the soul of the experience. And we need your support.

Today, Hale Farm & Village is closed until further notice as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. We were forced to cancel our annual Maple Sugar Festival in March. Spring education programs and summer events are now in question. While we remain optimistic, we need your support now, possibly more than ever in our 60+ year history.

Thanks to you, Hale Farm & Village will absolutely survive this unprecedented crisis. I hope that you will join me in making a contribution to the Hale Farm & Village Annual Fund, so that future generations of schoolchildren and families may experience the magic of Hale, as we have.

Sincerely,

Kelly Falcone-Hall  
President & CEO  
Western Reserve Historical Society  
Former Director, Hale Farm & Village (2208-2012)

**Contribute Today!**



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