

WRHS

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2020

July 1, 2019 –
June 30, 2020



Western Reserve Historical Society

MISSION

To inspire people to discover the American experience by exploring the tangible history of Northeast Ohio.

VISION

To be the first stop for the exploration of Cleveland and American history in Northeast Ohio.

CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY

We are honest and accurate in every aspect of our operation.

STEWARDSHIP

We are committed to the custody, care, and honoring of the history of Northeast Ohio.

CONNECTIVITY

We embrace sustained engagement through interaction and discovery.

INNOVATION

We empower the entrepreneurial spirit to enrich our community.

EXCELLENCE

Underscores all that we do.



Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) is dedicated to making all staff and guests feel welcome, safe and engaged. At WRHS, we prioritize people – the WRHS community and the communities we serve. WRHS strives for a culture of excellence, diversity, equity, access and inclusion. We apply best practices to the stewardship of our places, collections and digital resources. It is our purpose to empower an entrepreneurial spirit to create, promote, and sustain a relevant, experience driven organization. We approach our work through an equity lens to ensure that collections, experiences, staff and board reflect the rich diversity of Northeast Ohio.

WRHS is dedicated to providing a safe and harassment-free experience for everyone, including ALL guests, vendors and independent contractors, volunteers, interns, stakeholders, community partners and employees. Accordingly, WRHS prohibits harassment or discrimination based on race, national origin, ethnicity, citizenship, religion, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, pregnancy, ability, veteran or military status, or other dimensions of diversity.

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Since 1867, WRHS is committed to preserving and providing access to the history, culture and development of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. We pledge to provide a safe, welcoming, accessible and enriching experience to all, with integrity and adhering to the highest level of standards for personal and professional conduct.





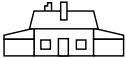


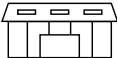
Although the onset of the coronavirus pandemic impacted 5 months of WRHS's FY 2020 its impact on WRHS, and our response and management of it dominates any look back at the year 2020. In March 2020, WRHS created a virtual headquarters when it closed all of its facilities to the public, and to the staff, with the exception of buildings and grounds employees. WRHS immediately began the work to adapt in-person experiences, including K-12 programs for schoolchildren and select events and exhibits, to online formats, including our annual fundraising event, the 100 Year Club of the Western Reserve. We continued to work collaboratively with educational partners, especially Cleveland Metropolitan School District and Akron Schools to modify program delivery to meet the changing needs of teachers and students. WRHS monitored Responsible Restart Ohio, the State of Ohio's COVID-19 guidelines, to guide WRHS operations. WRHS adjusted its budget down from the year prior, anticipating significant operating losses from the cancellation of programs, events, and no/limited hours of operation. In fact, pandemic era restrictions caused WRHS to close from mid-March through June 2020.

WRHS continued to focus on its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) work to create and sustain equity across the organization, initiated a Strategic Asset Review of its properties, collections, and services, and accelerated the work to assess and manage library and museum collections. WRHS continued its work to renovate the WRHS Library, thanks to generous funding from the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, that involved the creation of a new corporate headquarters with significant upgrades to both public and staff spaces, and continued the Meetinghouse Restoration Project at Hale Farm & Village.

At the close of fiscal year 2020, WRHS – drawing on more than 150 years of experience – planned for an uncertain future guided by its relentless focus on mission, vision, core values and commitment to our community. As the coronavirus pandemic raged on, we took the steps necessary to ensure that WRHS not only survived, but thrived, guided by our commitment to the health and safety of the entire WRHS community and to the sustainability of WRHS as a vital, relevant organization.

Sites



		CITY	COUNTY
	Cleveland History Center	Cleveland	Cuyahoga County
	Hale Farm & Village	Bath	Summit County
	Shandy Hall	Geneva	Ashtabula County
	Loghurst	Canfield	Mahoning County
	Holsey Gates House	Bedford	Cuyahoga County
	Restoration & Storage Facility	Macedonia	Summit County



Cleveland History Center

① Shifted to Virtual Visitors Beginning March 2020

43,084

35,372

8,266

Visitors to experience the Cleveland History Center.

Riders on the historic Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel

Students Served



17 Exhibits on display, showcasing WRHS extensive collections



- 1 Cleveland Starts Here® Sponsored by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation
- 2 Women and Politics: Empowered to Vote | Empowered to Lead presented by PNC (virtual)
- 3 Carl and Louis Stokes Making History
- 4 Electric Steam & Gasoline
- 5 The Soul of Philanthropy traveling exhibit
- 6 Celebrate Those Who Give Black (on site and virtual)
- 7 Si Jolie! French Fashion in Cleveland (on site and virtual)
- 8 Breaking the Mold: The Art of Thelma & Edward Winter
- 9 Shandy Hall Virtual Tour
- 10 Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness: Church, Community, Cleveland
- 11 Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel
- 12 Holiday Traditions
- 13 Setting the World in Motion
- 14 REvolution
- 15 Hay-McKinney Mansion & Guided Tours
- 16 Bingham-Hanna Mansion
- 17 Kidzibits Playzone

Education



Combined Schools
and Youth Served

8,266



433 students from 23 schools registered 289 projects at Region 3 Ohio History Day 2020 on the theme of Breaking Barriers in History



General

Students Served	5,947
Groups or Classes	276
Programs Served	261
Schools Served	137

CMSD

Students Served	1,992
CMSD classes attending YEE and CHC's other programs	88

Homeschool

Students Served	327
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Speaking of Cleveland

Adults and Seniors	1,991
Presentations	71
Programs Presented	34
Groups, Locations Served	39

Signature Events

1	100 Year Club
2	Euclid Beach Park Day
3	Carousel Birthday
4	History on Tap
5	Ghosts of Christmas Past Tours
6	CircleFest
7	ELI Family Day
8	Smithsonian Museum Day



Library, Archives, Collections

23,484

Photos, video, documents, and more now available online on [Digital Cleveland History Center](#)

1,625

Researchers used the WRHS collection onsite at the Library

6,217

Remote requests for access to WRHS collections in the form of phone calls, letters and emails



Over 30 collection items on loan and on display both locally and nationally, including David Berger's Olympic uniform on display at the new U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Collections accessioned into the WRHS archives

44

Linear feet processed and made accessible to the public

113

Requests to access closed stack collections.

2,792

Including

Books	912
Newspaper Titles	382
Photograph and Manuscript archival collections (includes Automotive Marque File/ Automotive literature file collections)	1,804



Hale Farm & Village

ⓘ Closed to Public March 2020—June 2020

34,836

34

9

Visitors experienced
Hale Farm & Village

Historic structures

Signature Events Held

Events

HALE FARM & VILLAGE

BY THE NUMBERS



Rental events —
Attended by 8,200 guests

64

9 Signature events held over
the course of 28 days

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|---|--|
| 1 | Music in the Valley Folk and Wine Festival |
| 2 | Annual Car Meet |
| 3 | Civil War Reenactment |
| 4 | Made in Ohio Art and Craft Festival |
| 5 | Hale Harvest 5K |
| 6 | Harvest Festival |
| 7 | Adult Trick or Treat Night |
| 8 | Holiday Market on the Farm |
| 9 | Holiday Lantern Tours |
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Students experiencing history at Hale Farm & Village through School and Youth programming

9,723

Adult Craft and Trade Workshops

20

Topics Include

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| → Potter | → Glass Blowing |
| → Weaving | → Spinning |
| → Natural Dyeing | → Preservation (Windows) |

Summer camp sessions

13

Topics Include

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| → Glassblowing Apprentice | → Pottery Apprentice |
| → Broom Making | → Weaving Apprentice |
| → Music Makers Camp | → Art Camp: Preserving History |
| → Kids on the Farm | → Civil War Education Day |
| → Young Entrepreneurship | → Young Historian |
| → Theater Camp | → School Days |

Preservation & Agriculture

HALE FARM & VILLAGE

BY THE NUMBERS



Preservation
Hours at HFV

300

Lambs Born

8

Heritage Breeds
On-site

4

Including

- Tunis Sheep
 - Milking Short Horn Cattle
 - Spotted Mix Breed Hogs
 - Various Historic Chicken Breeds
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Financials & Leadership

\$4,808,266

Annual operating budget

\$64,500

Spending in in capital projects for the Mary Jane Davis Hartwell Community Room at the Hale Farm & Village Gatehouse.

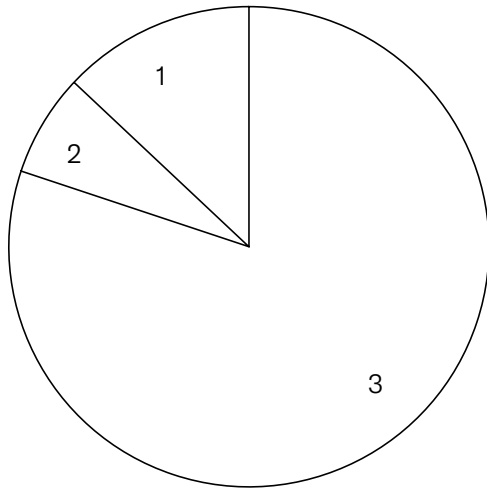
10,332

Hours donated by 188 volunteers to WRHS

637

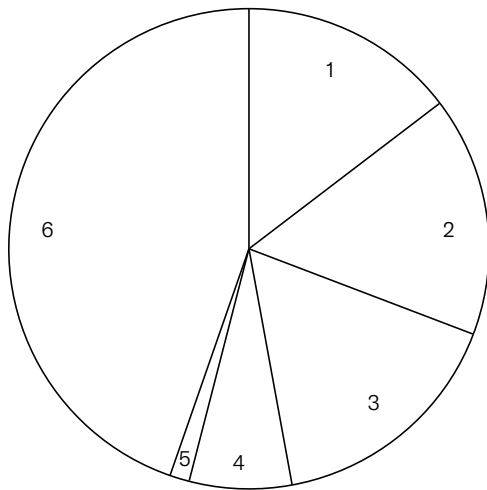
Hours worked gaining career experience by 23 interns

Financials



Expenses
\$6,450,537

1	Management and General Expense	\$792,753	13%
2	Fundraising Expense	\$402,318	7%
3	Program Service Expense	\$4,871,243	80%



Revenue
\$4,913,708

1	Admissions and Memberships	\$719,191	15%
2	Earned Income	\$796,115	16%
3	Endowment Support	\$802,500	16%
4	Support from Perpetual Trusts	\$339,622	7%
5	Capital Grants	\$64,500	1%
6	Gifts, Grants and Project Support	\$2,191,780	45%

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