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## Thank you to Community Foundation for help

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**Dear editor;**

The Aurora Historical Society expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley for an emergency grant to fund a new HVAC system at its primary collections storage facility. The heating and cooling systems and peripheral installations had to be entirely replaced before cold

weather set in, after failing suddenly and completely, following years of problematic service. The \$9,000 grant will ensure that valuable works of art and historic artifacts, amounting to approximately 40% of the society's holdings, will be safe and sound this Winter and for years to come. The storage building is part of the Tanner House Museum Campus on Cedar

Street.

Because the Society has no reserves for emergencies of this magnitude, due to budget cutbacks, the HVAC failure posed a threat not just to the physical environment for fragile antiquities, but to the budget. We are incredibly grateful for how quickly the Community Foundation grasped the danger to the collection and how generously

they came to the rescue of Aurora history. They deserve the thanks of every citizen, past, present, and future.

**John Jaros,**  
**Executive director**  
**Mary Clark Ormond,**  
**president,**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Aurora Historical**  
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## ***Community Foundation grant helps AHS***

Valuable works of art and historic artifacts will be safe and sound this Winter and for years to come, thanks to an emergency grant to the Aurora Historical Society from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. The \$9,000 grant is for the replacement of the entire HVAC system at one of its primary collections storage facilities. The building is part of its Tanner House Museum Cam-

pus on Cedar Street.

“We’ve been nursing the old system along for several years already,” said Historical Society executive director John Jaros, “and to have it finally break down just at the onset of cold weather was a disaster for us. Something like 40% of our collection is in this building.”

—*Aurora Historical Society*