

LINCOLNITE CLUB, INC.

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Name
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Dear Name,

Congratulations, you must be proud of the Lincoln School Legacy and its historic accomplishments. The Historic Lincoln School was a leader in Alabama and much of the South in the struggle of African Americans to obtain a first-rate education and equal rights. Thanks to your steadfast support over the years, the Lincoln School Legacy is alive and well.

During the past few years, together we have accomplished much. A few of these follows:

1. Museum Partnership with the National Park Service; 2. Major repairs and upkeep to Classroom Addition Building; 3. Alabama Historical Commission supported the nomination of the whole campus as a "Historic District", final approval for the National Register of Historic Places is pending; 4. Received a \$5,000 grant to help fund the Gym Rehabilitation Historic Structures Report; 5. Since 2010 awarded 43 competitive scholarships totaling \$48,000 ranging from \$1,125 to \$625; 6. Replaced the Auditorium Curtains; 7. Established a \$ for \$ "Preservation Matching Fund" to support campus preservation/Repairs

Ahead of us lies the challenge of rehabilitation of the gymnasium. The recently completed Historic Structures Report provides us with a roadmap to meet this challenge. Phillips Memorial Auditorium, the centerpiece of the campus, requires column and roof repairs along with heating and air condition unit replacement. Organizational Capacity Building is underway, including adding grant contract management.

Your financial support along with grants and foundations funding will make these goals a reality.

The location of the 2018 Biennial Lincolnite Club Reunion has not been confirmed. As details become available, you will be informed.

Thank you for your past generous financial support. Your continued donations and support are needed now more than ever. Please make a generous **tax deductible donation** before the end of the 2017 year and send it to the Lincolnite Club in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. Please note it is not too early or too late to pay National Membership Dues (\$50 annually).

Should you have questions, call me at (734) 368-0632 or email tmiree@att.net . Please visit the campus at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Miree, National President
Lincolnite Club, Inc.

Enclosures (2)

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LINCOLN SCHOOL CAMPUS 2016-2017 MAJOR PRESERVATION MAINTENANCE AND BUILDING – UPKEEP REPAIRS

Classroom Addition Building (Total Spent -\$48,830.23)

(Maintenance and Roof and Interior-Exterior Repairs)

- Installed a commercial sloping metal roof on Museum Assembly Room and the two porches
- Painted interior walls and exterior doors and woodwork
- Repaired and painted the north porch overhang of building
- Repaired the flat roof, including the replacement of 28 skylights
- Replaced damaged ceiling tiles
- Replaced floor tiles in Classrooms #2 and #3
- Replaced 47 fluorescent lights
- Scraped and painted the ceiling of the Museum Assembly Room
- Installed wall-to-wall carpet in Museum Assembly Room and disposed the water damaged carpet-remnants floor covering of the room
- Installed three handicapped commodes and one regular commode
- Installed two restroom exhaust fans

Phillips Memorial Auditorium (Total Spent -\$8,675.00)

- Replaced the south unit of the Auditorium's air conditioner system
- Repaired the walls of the women's restroom and the adjacent roof area

Overall/Total Cost of the Listed Repairs - \$57,505.23

Reporters: Ms. Mary Lue Essex, Reverend Richard Bryant, and Mr. Robert H. Turner, Sr.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP 2017 RECIPIENTS

The Lincolnite Club, Inc. 2017 National Scholarship Recipients were Jonjerica Alese Lucky of Francis Marion High School, Marion, Alabama, and Kandace Perry of Lindblom Math & Science Academy, Chicago, Illinois. The value of each recipient's scholarship award was \$1,125.00.

The Lincolnite Club, Inc. greatly appreciated your support and participation in its 2017 National Scholarship Program in efforts to keep the legacy of Lincoln School alive.

Scholarship Committee Members: Mr. Linton (Charlie) Rutledge, Reverend Richard Bryant, Mrs. Gladys Moore, Mr. Thomas J. Miree, Mr. Jesse D. Perry, Mr. Amzie Griffin, and Ms. Mary Lue Essex

NATIONAL REGISTER SITE NOMINATION

The National Register of Historic Places is the official Federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. These contribute to an understanding of the historical and cultural foundations of the Nation.

On April 27, 2017, the Alabama Historical Commission National Register Review Board Committee made the recommendation that the entire Lincoln School Campus was eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as the Lincoln School Historic District/Site. The eligibility determination recommendation was based on the school's statewide significance in promotion of African American education, as well as a property significantly associated with the Civil Rights Movement in Perry County, Alabama, and the Campus' archaeological potential. The recommendation has been forwarded to the United States Department of the Interior/National Park Service for further action. The decision is pending; therefore, as information becomes available, it will be forwarded to you.

Note: The goal of the project is to achieve National Register recognition for the entire Lincoln School campus site. Presently, the campus is a historic site, but only Phillips Memorial Auditorium has both Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage listing and National Register of Historic Place recognition. The Gymnasium and the Classroom Addition Building (including the Museum) that are contributing resources of the Auditorium have only Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage recognition.

Mary Lue Essex-Reporter

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Lincoln Memorial Museum is an integral component/part within the structure of the organization of the Lincolnite Club, Inc. The importance of its structural position and functions highly emphasizes and projects the Museum as the Lincolnite Club, Inc. most vital informational source for telling and preserving the history of Lincoln School of Marion, Alabama, and thereby in purpose/mission preserving, revitalizing and perpetuating the legacy of Lincoln School.

On July 20, 2015, the Lincolnite Club, Inc. Lincoln Memorial Museum and the National Park Service, Selma to Montgomery Historic Trail, and Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site signed a **five-year Museum Partnership Agreement**. The purpose of the Museum Partnership Agreement is to establish a basis for cooperation, assistance, and collaboration between the National Park Service and the Lincolnite Club, Inc. to achieve mutual goals of the two parties as stated in the Non-exclusive Agreement and to thereby further upgrade and develop Lincoln Memorial Museum to comply with state and national museum standards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lincoln Memorial Museum workers in efforts to promote the mission of the Lincolnite Club, Inc.: to preserve, revitalize, and perpetuate the Lincoln School legacy, with pride, announce and acknowledge that July 18, 2017 marked the 150th Anniversary of the founding/incorporation of Lincoln School of Marion, Alabama (1867 – 2017). However, the school functioned only 103 years (1867 -1970) due to closure in 1970. Additional information is available in the Museum.

Museum tours are by appointments. To schedule tours, please call 678-695-8807.

Mary Lue Essex & Thelma Hogue – Reporters

2017 GRANTS REPORT

BLACK BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Black Belt Community Foundation awarded the Lincolnite Club, Inc. a \$500 museum grant that defrayed the cost of Mrs. Willie Mae Crews participation in the 2017 Alabama Museum Association Annual Conference in Cullman, Alabama, March 5-7, 2017. Mrs. Crews is the Lincolnite Club, Inc. National Vice President, Vice Chair of the Trustees, and a volunteer worker of Lincoln Memorial Museum.

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2018 CAPITAL ENHANCEMENT GRANT

The Lincolnite Club, Inc. is the recipient of a \$5,000 (2018) Alabama Historical Commission Capital Enhancement grant to partially fund a Phillips Memorial Auditorium Project to promote the preservation, maintenance, and accessibility of the Auditorium. The project includes the following job components: (1) repairing and painting porch columns; (2) tree service to remove hazardous deteriorating trees and trim others to provide safe access to and around the Auditorium and Classroom Addition Building; (3) replacement of the North unit of the air-conditioner system; (4) exterior painting of the woodwork; (5) roof repairs ; (6) cleaning and repairing the campus name monument, located north of the Auditorium; and (7) repairing, cleaning and ceiling cracks of the Auditorium's front steps and adjacent concrete extensions.

The Lincolnite Club, Inc., in addition to an initial \$5,000 matching pledge, will fund the balance of the project (\$30,000), as approved by the Executive Committee, in compliance with our commitment to the AHC to complete the entire project as proposed.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FY 2017 PRESERVATION AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS GRANT

During the month of September 2017, the Lincolnite Club, Inc. submitted a National Park Service African American Civil Rights Preservation Grant Application for the stabilization phase of the Rehabilitation of Lincoln High School Gymnasium: hazardous materials testing and abatement, replacement of the roof, windows, and doors, and structural repairs to make the building watertight to stop further deterioration. The grant is pending; therefore, additional information will be forwarded to you as it becomes available.

Fund Development & Grant Committee: Mr. Thomas J. Miree, Mrs. Willie M. Crews, and Ms. Mary L. Essex