



## *Godfrey Miller Historical Home and Fellowship Center*

October 25, 2021

Dear friends of the Godfrey Miller Home,

The Godfrey Miller Home, built around 1785 by Daniel Sowers on a lot granted by Lord Fairfax in 1753, has stood at the center of the historic old town Winchester walking mall for over two hundred years. In 1812, it was purchased by John Miller and remained in the Miller family for the next 126 years. John Miller was a mayor of Winchester, and other members of the resident family were prominent area physicians, pharmacists, merchants, and bankers. The home also served as a hospital for Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.

In 1938, the home and property were left to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church by Margareta Sperry Miller. The leadership of Grace at that time decided that day to day operations of the home should be managed by a separate board of directors. So, in 1948, it was incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and opened as a residence for “elderly ladies.” In 1976, it reopened as a fellowship center for older adults. The Judge Robert K. Woltz Pavilion was added to the rear of the property in 2002, and significant restoration of the historic home was undertaken in 2003. Today the home is open for scheduled tours and provides services to the greater Winchester older adult community.

The Godfrey Miller Home is a prominent feature of the downtown Loudoun Street Mall. The exterior of the historic home is now in need of restoration to maintain the integrity of the façade and to allow the Home to remain a vital service resource for older adults in the Winchester area. Specific repairs include the roof rakes, two lower roof panels, porch, all trim and moldings, 28 shutters, 18 windows, rear dormer, and front door with upper transom.

Through the strong commitment of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, the advocacy and support of Preservation Historic Winchester’s Board of Directors, and with your help, we will see this historic and vital home continue to contribute to the Winchester community for years to come. We hope that you will use the enclosed giving guide as a means of helping you make a financial commitment to this important restoration and preservation effort.

For your partnership with us in this endeavor, the board of Godfrey Miller Home, Inc., the leadership of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and others in the Winchester community join together to say “Thank You” for whatever expression of support you wish to offer for this historic home in our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jason Gotttschalk  
Executive Director



# Godfrey Miller Home

Fundraising Goal - \$109,677.50

*Please print.*

This gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is for the restoration and preservation of the Godfrey Miller Home exterior on the old town walking mall in Winchester, Virginia. This is a charitable, tax-deductible donation to the Godfrey Miller Home, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization.

If you wish your gift to be made in memory or honor of an individual or group, please complete this information:

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Unless otherwise indicated, all gifts, including those designated in honor or memory of others, will be publicly acknowledged. No dollar amounts of gifts will be made public in any form. Every gift is appreciated and will be acknowledged by letter for tax related purposes.

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*Please make check payable to Godfrey Miller Home and note "Exterior Preservation Fund."  
Return to Godfrey Miller Home using the enclosed envelope. Thank you.*