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October 16, 2023

Dear Friend –

UPDATE FROM OUR ANNUAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

We are pleased to announce the results of our Board of Directors election held at our Annual Meeting. The following individuals were elected and have agreed to serve.

Coleen Reed – President

Peggy Dils – Community Liaison

Rick Cram – Vice President

Jordan Gaston Werenski – Historian

Nancy Moseley – Secretary

Sheila Keenan – Docent Coordinator

Judy Justice – Treasurer

Ed Mann & Robert Gossett - Member at Large

A NEW CHALLENGE FOR FRIENDS OF GASTON LIVERY STABLE AWAITS!!

Recently, we received an extremely generous donation of \$30,000, from an anonymous donor to pay down the mortgage along with a challenge to pay off the mortgage balance before our due date of July 2026. This donation has allowed us to substantially reduce our balance from \$62,000 to \$32,000. The initial purchase cost in 2011 was \$165,000 and thus far, we have done a fantastic job of reducing our mortgage obligation. With what we have been able to accomplish we believe this challenge to be very achievable with the help of our Friends.

HOW CAN OUR FRIENDS HELP US MEET OUR MORTGAGE CHALLENGE?

Friends can help by doing one or more of the following:

- Donate to our “mortgage challenge”. Any amount given will go directly to our principal paydown.
- Sign-up to participate as an **Angel of the Month** by paying a monthly mortgage payment of \$506.41. Angel of the Month donations are matched by a “Special Angel”, paying an additional \$500 towards the mortgage for each Angel donation made. Thus far we have had four Angels named.
- Purchase a copy of the book *Aiken County Jeopardy II* by Coleen Reed and Elliott Levy. Available at Howell Printing, Barnwell Ave., the book retails for \$19.95 and all proceeds go to pay down the mortgage. A book signing will be held Nov. 5 at the Barn from 2 – 4.
- Purchase a beautiful brass Gaston Livery Stable ornament for \$25.00 and your purchase will go directly to paying down the mortgage. Ornaments may be viewed on our website gastonliverystable.org.

Please join us in working to meet this challenge. Your help will be most appreciated.

SAVE THE DATES and MORE

TACK & YARD SALE – NOV. 25 – TABLES \$25 – CONTACT 803.648.4123

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT THE BARN – DEC. 17

Interested in becoming a Docent at the Barn? Contact Sheila at keenan.sheila@gmail.com

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