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Dear Friend,

We appreciate the support you and others have offered throughout the years. Your financial support allowed us to continue the Cherohala Skyway Festival as both a fun event for the community and tourists and a fundraiser to help financially stabilize the museum. Sadly, this year due to coronavirus pandemic we were not able to have the festival or other large events. We not only did not have a fun event for our neighbors and tourists, we lost that opportunity to fundraise at the Cherohala Skyway Festival.

If your business has not been affected financially by coronavirus, would you consider being a donor to The Charles Hall Museum and Heritage Center? If you have been a sponsor in the past and are struggling due to the pandemic, please contact me for a free listing. Your sponsorship will include an advertising listing on the Museum's web page and more. Our donors and sponsors, along with 20% of gift shop sales provides the funding to help keep our doors open. Your donations are used for utility bills, repairs, and upgrades, plus add to and improve our current displays and collections. Repairs are also an ongoing expense. We do not pay for cleaning services, a financial officer, lawn services, administrator, or curator. Those tasks are volunteer. Any financial reserves are put in the building fund for a pavilion that will house the Tellico Plains antique fire truck bought by Mr. Hall in the 1950s and Wagon Train wagons and relics. Reminder the Hall Museum is not family owned. Charles and Billie Hall placed the Museum in a non-profit 501 (c) (3) foundation for the benefit of Tellico Plains and the surrounding geographical area. I volunteer my time to manage the museum due to the same passions my parents had for the area. My head spins with all the ways to showcase the vast collections.

Come visit us and experience the joy and amazement locals and tourists have when they visit the museum. It has been even more special this year to provide a safe and healthy place for them to visit and walk with them down memory lane.

We allow non-profits to use our meeting room. Of course, this year we have required social distancing, masks, and sanitization. Among those who have used the room this year are Tellico Plains Kiwanis, Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, Isaiah 117, and UDC. We not only have a heart for history and heritage, but participate actively in community service.

I am enclosing a newsletter that barely touches upon what has occurred at the museum this year in spite of being closed for seven weeks. I plan to do a newsletter every two months regarding happenings around the museum. A Hall Museum Historical Society will be formed during the early months of 2021.

Please call or email me with any questions. I will continue to pray for the safety of our community and look forward to a big group hug!

Many Regards,

Pam Hall Mathews
President of Board of Directors