

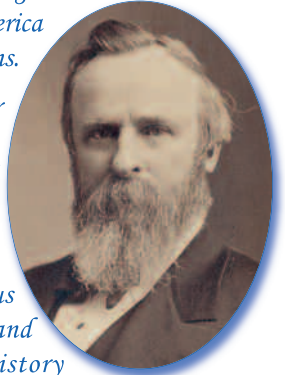
**We opened the gates to presidential history!**



*Dear Hayes Presidential Center Patron,*

*As the great-grandson and great-great grandson of 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes, we have an not only obligation to our Hayes family heritage, but also to America to ensure history is available to future generations.*

*The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center is a historical site of international importance. As the nation's first presidential library and museum, it literally opened a gateway to preserving presidential history.*



*Today, the Hayes Presidential Center's numerous educational opportunities constantly evolve and expand in order to keep America's rich history relevant to people of all ages no matter where they live. The reach of those programs is global thanks in large measure to the extensive resources available on the Center's website.*

*We are proud of the Center's excellent staff who do everything in their power to continue and to enhance community programs and events. However, this task becomes more challenging as the State of Ohio continues to cut the Center's funding at enormous levels.*

*We need you to support the Hayes Presidential Center - a national historic treasure. You can help by filling out and returning the donation form below.*

*Be assured that your donation will touch this generation and future generations – becoming a Gateway to the Future.*

*Sincerely,*

*Stephen A. Hayes*      *Scott B. Hayes*

Great-Great Grandson  
President Board of Trustees

Great-Grandson  
Past President Board of Trustees

## Did you know?

### ❖ Hayes Presidential Center

Attracts 50,000 visitors per year from across the U.S. and beyond.

- 55% in-state visitors
- 44% out-of-state visitors
- 1% out-of-country visitors

These visitors patronize retail stores, hotels, entertainment venues and restaurants, significantly supplementing both local and state economies.

### ❖ Spiegel Grove

Thousands of people each year enjoy walking through the Center's beautiful grounds, *Spiegel Grove*.

### ❖ Hayes Home

Only 43 men have earned the title of President.

Only 22 presidential homes are public museums.

Only 12 of those homes retain their original furnishings ... and the Hayes Home is one of them!

### ❖ Buildings & Grounds

It costs \$232,314 per year to maintain the Hayes Home, Museum, Library, Carriage House, 25 acres of grounds and 1,800 trees.

### ❖ Funding

The Center is not federally funded; it relies on monies from:

- The Hayes Trust
- Revenue from admissions, memberships, fundraising, sponsorships, and Museum Store
- State of Ohio funding

❖ The State of Ohio reduced its funding of the Hayes Presidential Center by 45% this year - **from \$504,037 to \$281,043.**

❖ Over the last nine years the Center's State funding has declined by \$465,137.

❖ In spite of making the following cuts, a deficit of \$87,000 is projected:

- Closing facilities on Mondays
- Closing the Dillon House
- Reducing staff
- Decreasing pay for all employees
- Reducing staff benefits

❖ Without additional funding, what cuts could be next?

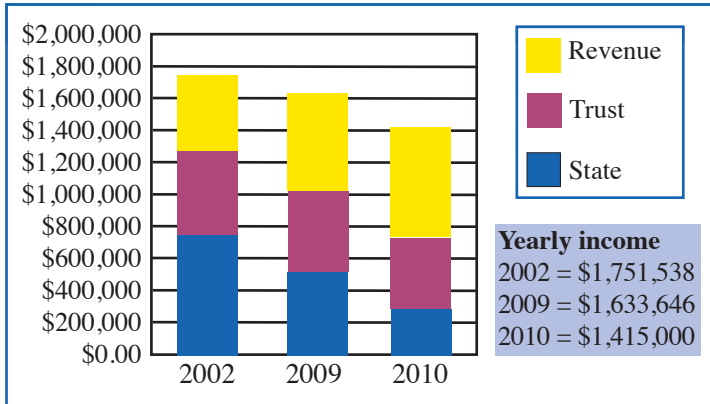
- Further reduction in hours
- Fewer community events
- Fewer educational programs

❖ Expenses to staff and maintain the Hayes Presidential Center in the last fiscal year were as follows:

- Utilities \$122,029
- Maintenance/Security \$232,314
- Property Insurance \$22,263
- Wages and benefits \$944,836

# FINANCIAL FACTS

## State funding cuts to the Hayes Presidential Center over time



**The Sandusky County Communities Foundation Inc.** has awarded the Hayes Presidential Center a *Challenge Gift*. The Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000 in donations contributed to our GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE campaign.


### **You can help us in one of two ways:**


1. Make a donation to be matched by the Sandusky County Communities Foundation.

2. Be a *Challenge Gift* donor. As such, you agree to make a donation of \$5,000 or more if the Hayes Presidential Center raises matching funds to your challenge. Your *Challenge Gift* will receive recognition through the Center's marketing promotions.

**We need YOU!** Please support the Hayes Presidential Center - a genuine NATIONAL HISTORIC TREASURE.

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Cross the threshold with us  
and make our gates a

# GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE.

The nation's **FIRST** presidential center.

**TO HELP**, PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM

- You can count on me! Enclosed please find my donation.
- I want to pledge \$1,000 (one payment or over two years).
- Count on me to put the Hayes Center in my estate planning.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If enclosing a check, please make it payable to:

**Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center**

Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted.

Call **Kathy Boukissen** at 419.332.2081 or [kboukissen@rbhayes.org](mailto:kboukissen@rbhayes.org)