



CRANSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Governor Sprague Mansion
Joy Homestead

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December 1, 2025

Dear Friend,

This year we have been gifted with the talents of the Cranston Rotary. They have held clean ups to beautify the grounds. Recently the Rotary held their meeting at Sprague Mansion, they were given an overview of the Cranston Historical Society as well as a tour. One Rotarian said about his tour of the grounds "I had a chance to check out the stables at the Governor Sprague Mansion. Let me tell ya, the Sprague Mansion is really something special!" There are many groups, like the Rotary, who have come to the mansion for the first time and marvel at our Victorian elegance and what historical jewels our properties are.

All of you received our newsletter and know the wonderful events that have been held throughout the year. We have continually increased our community partners to financially support us and to use the building for events. Even with all the exciting events we have been having, our rentals are not the level we need to keep the buildings in top shape. Putting off repairs has taken its toll as well as some severe weather conditions and the aging of the buildings. This year we will use the majority of our annual fund drive to make repairs to keep the Gov. Sprague Mansion in good shape to attract the community who rent our property for their events. We also need to keep the heat on and pay insurances, so a portion of funds raised will go towards keeping the mansion running smoothly.

As you have demonstrated through the years, you know the importance of telling Cranston's rich and varied history in our time and in generations to come. It might be one of the most important legacies we leave behind. Please join us in support of our stories and important collections, especially the upkeep of our properties made available to the public.

Please consider a donation now, whether \$50, \$75, \$100 (or whatever amount is right for you) Each gift makes a difference.

All contributions to the Cranston Historical Society are tax deductible. If you want to qualify for a tax deduction this year, please make your contribution by December 31, 2025. Once again, thank you for any generosity you have shown in the past, and we hope you will continue to be generous this year as well. Community members like you help us to protect, preserve, and promote Cranston's history.

Sincerely,

Grace Swinski

Sandra Moyer

Fundraising Chair

President

Please enclose this slip with your check made out to the Cranston Historical Society.

Name _____

Address _____

Amount _____ Phone Number _____

If you itemize deductions and would like a letter designating this as a charitable deduction for the IRS,

Please indicate by circling yes.

YES

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