



TUSKEGEE HISTORY CENTER

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Museum and Visitor Center

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Friends of the Tuskegee History Center,

If walls could talk, I believe the stories it would tell are of the countless people who have entered and exited the Tuskegee History Center whose lives were forever changed. Specifically, the story of the tear in the eye of the elderly person reflecting on how far we've come as a nation, or the glimmer of hope a parent feels thinking about their child's future, or the fire lit inside the young adult inspired to fight for a cause they are so passionate about. These and more are the stories and feelings that the Center has invoked its visitors for 25 years as it continues to present, preserve and promote the history of Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama and the nation.

Reflecting on this past year, the Center experienced some highs including our 25th anniversary celebration, as well as the President of the United States of America awarding me the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. An award that I am grateful has brought national attention to the Center. However, as there were highs there were and remain to be many challenges as the Center fights to keep its doors open and provide timely education/resources on the Tuskegee Syphilis Study as it relates to the lingering mistrust among the African American community and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Center's greatest need continues to be operating funds, so its doors are open on a regular basis, as well as improvement of our digital footprint and online presence so that we can expand our reach to educate the public on the rich history of Native Americans, European Americans, African Americans, Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama and the nation.

Quite frankly, the future is uncertain and if the walls of the Center could talk, they would also echo that uncertainty of the lights staying on. However, we do know that only with your continued support will we be able to fulfill our mission. And not only do we need your support, we need your help to spread the word. Please tell your friends and family why you believe in our work and encourage them to support us too by making a tax-deductible donation [on our website](#).

On behalf of the staff and the entire Board of Directors, thank you for your enduring support you have given to the Center for 25 years.

- Fred D. Gray, Esquire
Co-Founder and President of the Board