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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your continued support of the New Smyrna Museum of History. Whether it be through your membership, purchasing items in our gift shop, volunteering at the front desk, or attending our events and presentations, your support is critical as we continue in our mission to preserve, display, and showcase the history of the entire Southeast Volusia county area.

As we are sure you are aware, our museum building suffered damage during Hurricane Matthew. Our exterior elevator/lift system was completely destroyed and the debris led to damage to our exterior display cases. These cases protect the incredibly rare remains from a Turnbull settlement era coquina oven and also a large cast iron kettle. Please see the attached photos which show the damage suffered.

As you can imagine, the costs to make these needed repairs will be high. Based upon estimates, we anticipate the cost to be approximately \$45,000 to remove the damaged elevator system, replace the elevator/lift, and repair the damage and broken glass on the display cases. Our goal is to have our new elevator shaft built using concrete blocks to make it weather-resistant and prevent similar damage in the future.

Unfortunately, the cost of repairs after taking accumulated depreciation into account is below our hurricane deductible, so our insurance company has declined our claim. We have also applied for funding through FEMA, but they have also declined our application for funding despite our request being related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Today we are asking you, our loyal members and supporters, to help us fund these needed repairs to our facility. While any contribution is appreciated, all contributors donating over \$250 to the project will be commemorated on a plaque that will be hung next to the elevator entrance. So please, for less than the cost of a cup of coffee per day, you can help us make important building repairs and be publicly thanked for your generosity.

We thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Gregory L. Holbrook

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