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Jeffris Family Foundation Awards \$250,000 Challenge Grant to the Carver County Historical Society

The Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead farmhouse restoration was able to move forward thanks to the 2 for 1 Challenge Grant provided by the Jeffris Family Foundation, and the donations over 200 individuals, Carver County, and many other foundations.

The Carver County Historical Society first met the Jeffris Family Foundation in 2016 when they offered to pay for half the cost of the Historic Structures Report, which investigated the viability of the structures at the Peterson Farm. After this was completed, the decision was made to focus on the farmhouse restoration. The challenge campaign began the end of June 2019 and required the CCHS to raise \$500,000. If it did so, the Jeffris Family Foundation would donate an additional \$250,000 to complete the estimated restoration amount needed. The CCHS was able to meet the requirements one month ahead of schedule, thanks to an appropriation from Carver County.

The Jeffris Family Foundation of Janesville, Wisconsin, has as its mission to preserve the cultural history and heritage of the Midwest through the preservation of regionally and nationally important historic buildings.

The Carver County Historical Society is a non-profit organization with the mission of "Collecting, Preserving, and Interpreting the history of Carver County." The Peterson Farm was donated to the Historical Society by Ward Holasek in 2012.

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