



Support-a-Trolley



Pennsylvania Trolley Museum December 2020



GENERAL FUND: Our General Fund is listed first since it is the most in need of support! Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we were not able to start the 2020 season until July 2 at a reduced capacity and have had to cancel special events for much of this year in order to follow state guidelines. The lack of earned revenue has put a severe strain on Museum finances. We are grateful to those who have supported us so far this year, to help make up for lost admissions, with our last appeal totaling \$26,287 from our members and friends. This includes money received through the WCCF Gives Event on Sept. 12. As we move to complete the 2020 season, we still have expenses we need to cover, and anticipate lost revenue in 2021 as the pandemic continues. We are grateful for your consideration of contributing to the General Fund at this time!

ARCHIVES – NEW HOME: As reported in this issue of Trolley Fare, the Museum is no longer storing items in Eaton Crouse-Hinds. Our volunteers and staff have worked hard to get items relocated and have packed up the Archives and Miller Library so it can be moved by the end of the year. We have identified a property nearby at 320 Reliance Drive to purchase which we hope to do in early December. The end result will be a permanent home for our Archives and Miller Library as well as providing other important uses for the Museum. The purchase of land and moving of materials also comes with a cost and we are grateful that several supporters have already stepped up. Please consider joining them as we make a permanent home for our materials!

PHILADELPHIA 8042: This car continues to receive a lot of attention in our restoration shop from restoration expert Keith Bray and a number of volunteers. Since our last appeal, over \$8,919 has come in from members and friends including through WCCF Gives and the Friends of Philadelphia Trolleys. Thanks for everyone's help in meeting our goal!

RED ARROW FUND: Red Arrow Center Door Car 73 is in our restoration shop to finalize a scope of work for the car. Car 73 will be great for expanding Santa Trolley, enhancing rides for visitors in wheelchairs, and providing two-car trains during the Washington County Fair. The Friends of Philadelphia Trolleys produced a nice YouTube video to raise funds for this project.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5CDelp1IQ9E>

Please help build the fund to get Car 73 into the operating fleet!

SUPPORT PTM USING IRA FUNDS: You can also make charitable gifts using IRA funds without tax complications. If you are over 70½ you must make a required minimum distribution which could have tax consequences. The IRS allows donors to "roll over" part of their IRAs to make charitable gifts without having to report the amount withdrawn as taxable income. For further information on this opportunity go to the irs.gov website or talk with your tax accountant.

NOTE: Those considering donating will be pleased to know that The CARES Act will allow you to claim the brand new "above the line" deduction up to \$300 for cash (including check or credit card) donations made to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum this year if you take the standard deduction on your 2020 tax return (the one you will file in 2021).

Those donating \$250 or more will receive our Allegheny Valley Trolleys book. Those donating \$150 to \$249 will receive a 2021 Western Pennsylvania Trolley Calendar. Donate \$100 to \$149 and receive our Museum Guidebook. Just check the form below! Thanks to all who have supported us so far this year!

TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION FILL IN THE HANDY TEAR OFF BELOW AND SEND IT WITH YOUR CHECK TODAY.

Here's My Donation to the:

GENERAL FUND \$ _____
 PHILADELPHIA 8042 \$ _____
 RED ARROW 73..... \$ _____
 ARCHIVES – NEW HOME \$ _____

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\$100 level _____ Guidebook /Trolleys of Armstrong County
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 \$250 level _____ Allegheny Valley Trolleys book

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 Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, Treasurer
 1 Museum Road
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