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**Funding for Climate Control Enhances Visitor Experience**

*Cedar Lake Historical Association is awarded Crown Point Community Foundation Grant*

(Cedar Lake, IN) Guests will enjoy experiences at The Museum at Lassen's Resort in comfort this year. The Cedar Lake Historical Association (CLHA) was awarded a Crown Point Community Foundation grant in the February 2021 cycle to install temperature control in the museum lobby and café. CLHA looks forward to expanding its special event offerings now that it has the ability to make the gathering rooms of the former summer resort hotel comfortable in all weather conditions.

CLHA is a nonprofit corporation operating a local history museum within the 100-year old Lassen's Resort hotel located at 7408 Constitution Avenue in Cedar Lake. The grant has funded the purchase of a heat pump that has the ability to provide heat and air conditioning for the public gathering spaces in the historic building with no impact to the structural or aesthetic integrity of the rooms.

"This year marks the beginning of a new century for our museum as a history attraction," explained Julie Zasada, CLHA executive director. "On May 7, 2021, we celebrated the centennial anniversary of the grand opening of our building as a resort hotel. Despite the brisk spring temperatures, we welcomed over 200 guests to our reception with little concern that the weather would impact our evening. And we look forward to extending our special event programming into the fall and through the winter now with the addition of the new [heat pump] units."

CLHA is an entirely volunteer-run operation. Docents are available to provide guided tours of the museum Thursdays through Sundays from May to September. Ensuring their comfort while serving museum guests was a significant motivation behind the grant application. However, the organization works the entire year preserving Cedar Lake history. CLHA Historian/Curator, Scott Bocock, especially appreciates the grant project. He intends to expand his digitization and archival efforts now that he, too, can comfortably spend time in the building year-round.

"We missed the opportunity to host a traveling exhibit recently because we were unable to provide a temperature and humidity controlled environment for display purposes," shared Zasada. "This grant, paired with a similar grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation in February 2018, means that we now have over 1,000 square feet in which we can house special exhibits and meet the exhibition standards required by the humanities council."

At the centennial celebration, along with unveiling a new identity for the museum, CLHA held a ribbon cutting of The Story of Cedar Lake, its brand new adventure within the museum. Admission to The Museum at Lassen's Resort is \$5.00 per person for ages 5 and up; free for children under 5. Museum members may use their benefits for complimentary tours all season long. Museum tours may be purchased in person or online at [lassensresort.org](http://lassensresort.org).



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