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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The Aurora Historical Society wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude to the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley for an emergency grant to fund a new HVAC system at its primary collections storage facility. The heating and cooling systems and peripheral installations had to be entirely replaced before cold weather set in, after failing suddenly and completely following years of problematic service. The \$9,000 grant will ensure that valuable works of art and historic artifacts, amounting to approximately 40% of the society's holdings, will be safe and sound this winter and for years to come. The storage building is part of the Tanner House Museum Campus on Cedar Street.

Since the society has no reserves for emergencies of this magnitude, due to budget cutbacks, the HVAC failure posed a threat not just to the physical environment for fragile antiquities, but also to the budget. We are incredibly grateful for how quickly the Community Foundation grasped the danger to the collection and how generously they came to the rescue of Aurora history. They deserve the thanks of every citizen, past, present and future.

John Jaros, Executive Director  
Mary Clark Ormond, President, Board of Trustees  
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