



Historic Huguenot Street Awarded \$5,000 Fred J. Brotherton Charitable Foundation Grant



NEW PALTZ, NY (March 8, 2021) – Historic Huguenot Street has been awarded \$5,000 from the Fred J. Brotherton Charitable Foundation, which will make its virtual field trip experiences free to access for educators. This funding is instrumental in expanding the museum’s reach and accessibility, ensuring that countless students can visit Huguenot Street from their home or classroom.

Along with bringing major disruption to in-person classroom instruction, the pandemic has delivered a severe blow to the extracurricular and off-campus programs and activities students look forward to every school year, including field trips. Over the past year, School Programming

Coordinator Alyssa Bruno has worked to adapt the museum's on-site field trip programs into virtual experiences that students can engage with from their home or their classroom. These virtual experiences comprise tours of Historic Huguenot Street's essential structures, crafts, interactive activities, research projects, and countless other enriching activities that replicate the experience of visiting Historic Huguenot Street and taking part in one of its on-site educational programs.

"It is my hope that these programs will be widely utilized by the schools that bring their students to our site to learn with us every year while also reaching audiences beyond our typical Hudson Valley and tri-state area audience," Bruno says. "At the end of the day, the goal of these programs is to provide students with accessible, engaging, and enriching educational experiences aimed at teaching them about Historic Huguenot Street's rich and diverse history with exciting instruction that goes beyond the scope of their daily classroom experience."

Modeled after the museum's on-site school programs, "Learning & Leisure in the 18th Century" (grades 3 to 6), "In Her Shoes" (grades 7 to 12) and "One Street, Many Stories" (grades 7 to 12), these virtual field trips replicate the experience of visiting Historic Huguenot Street and learning about the many groups of people who inhabited it and made our community what it is today. Historic Huguenot Street hopes to adapt all on-site field trip experiences into virtual opportunities available for purchase by schools and individuals. All existing and future school programs are aligned with New York State's Next Generation and Common Core Learning Standards. Please contact School Programming Coordinator Alyssa Bruno at alyssa@huguenotstreet.org for more information about programs, pricing, and registration.

On-site educational programs are still available to private groups at a limited capacity. Visits are capped at ten students and availability is subject to change based on developing COVID-19 health and safety restrictions. In order to arrange an on-site visit, contact the School Programming Coordinator for rates and program opportunities.

About Historic Huguenot Street

A National Historic Landmark District, Historic Huguenot Street is a 501(c)3 non-profit that encompasses 30 buildings across 10 acres comprising the heart of the original 1678 New Paltz settlement, including seven stone houses dating to the early eighteenth century. Historic Huguenot Street was founded in 1894 as the Huguenot Patriotic, Historical, and Monumental Society to preserve the nationally acclaimed collection of stone houses. Since then, Historic Huguenot Street has grown into an innovative museum, chartered as an educational corporation by the University of the State of New York Department of Education that is dedicated to preserving a unique Hudson Valley Huguenot settlement and engaging diverse audiences in the

exploration of America's multicultural past in order to understand the historical forces that have shaped America.

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