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**FOOD WORKS AT TWO RIVERS CENTER RECEIVES  
SAVE OUR HISTORY GRANT FROM THE HISTORY CHANNEL®**

***The History Channel and Comcast Support Preservation Initiative That Links Food Works and local schools***

Montpelier, September 4, 2007— The History Channel today awarded Food Works at Two Rivers Center in Montpelier a \$10,000 *Save Our History* grant to partner with local schools for ***Rebuilding History***. ***Rebuilding History*** is a collaborative project between Food Works and area high schools which endeavors to involve high school students in documenting the restoration of a landmark farmhouse and barn on property first owned by Montpelier's founder, Revolutionary War veteran Colonel Jacob Davis. Food Works is one of 27 organizations nationwide that received *Save Our History* community preservation grants. These grants fund innovative preservation projects designed to bring communities together, actively engage children in the preservation of their local history and communicate the importance of saving local history for future generations.

The History Channel, with the counsel of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA) and American Association of State and Local History (AASLH), created the *Save Our History* Grant Program as an extension of the *Save Our History* philanthropic initiative and is committed to inspiring and motivating local communities to learn about and take an active role in the preservation of their past through projects involving artifacts, oral histories, sites, museums or landmarks that exist in their own neighborhoods. In four years, 1,934 historic organizations, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia have applied for funding through the *Save Our History* Grant Program. To date, The History Channel and its cable partners have given \$1 million dollars to fund community preservation projects across the country.

***Rebuilding History*** endeavors to work with high school students to create a multi-media documentary presentation on the history and restoration process of the farmhouse. Funds from this highly selective grant award will also be used to support area high school apprentices in learning the historic building trades working on the house with master craftsmen in timber framing, masonry, and traditional plastering. To find out more about Food Works at Two Rivers Center and its restoration process, visit [www.tworiverscenter.org](http://www.tworiverscenter.org). In addition to this project, The History Channel is also awarding *Save Our History* grants to historic organizations in Alaska, Alabama, California, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

“The History Channel receives stacks of applications for *Save Our History* grants,” said Dr. Libby O’Connell, SVP, Corporate Outreach and Chief Historian, The History Channel. “Food Works at Two Rivers Center demonstrated the creativity and commitment to preservation and education that we believe is fundamental to giving our past a bright future.”

Historic organizations interested in receiving funding for preservation projects developed with local schools or youth groups are encouraged to apply for a 2008/2009 *Save Our History* Grant. Applications will be available in January 2008, online at [saveourhistory.com](http://saveourhistory.com).

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### **About Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors**

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### **About AASLH**

AASLH was born in 1904 as a part of the American Historical Association. Over one hundred years later, AASLH is the only national association dedicated to the people and organizations that practice state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all Americans. These history organizations are American leaders in preserving, researching, and interpreting traces of the past to connect the people, thoughts, and events of yesterday with the creative memories and abiding concerns of people, communities, and our nation today. History organizations are foremost education institutions, and they excel in creating the enlightened, engaged citizenry that the founders envisioned. From its headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, AASLH provides a variety of programs and services, as well as leadership in the national arena.

### **About Save Our History Educational Materials**

The History Channel, in collaboration with leading educators from the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), developed a comprehensive Educator's Manual containing standards-based lesson plans, enrichment activities, and resources that help elementary, middle and high school teachers connect American History content to their local history. The manual guides teachers to engage students in hands-on, experiential preservation projects. The Educator's Manual is supplemented by monthly *Save Our History* lesson plans available to educators who register online to receive them at [www.saveourhistory.com](http://www.saveourhistory.com). To date, more than 60,000 educators at schools, youth groups, history museums, and historic sites have used the educational materials to teach over 1.8 million students about their local history and the importance of preserving it.

### **About Save Our History**

*Save Our History* is an Emmy® Award-winning strategic philanthropic initiative of The History Channel that launched in 1998, designed to further historic preservation and history education. The program supplements the teaching of history in America's classrooms, educates the public on the importance of historical preservation and motivates communities across the country to help save endangered local historic treasures. The *Save Our History* campaign includes original documentaries, special teachers materials, national promotion on The History Channel, broadband activities in schools, and has worked with The Smithsonian Institution, National Park Service, National Trust for Historic Preservation, National World War II Memorial, American Rivers and The White House 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Additional information about the grassroots *Save Our History* program, including a comprehensive school manual containing suggested lesson plans for grades two through 12 and details about working with local preservation organizations can also be found at [www.saveourhistory.com](http://www.saveourhistory.com).

### **THE HISTORY CHANNEL**

**The History Channel®** is a leading cable television network featuring compelling original, non-fiction specials and series that bring history to life in a powerful and entertaining manner across multiple platforms. The network provides an inviting place where people experience history in new and exciting ways enabling them to connect their lives today to the great lives and events of the past that provide a blueprint for the future. The History Channel has earned four Peabody Awards, three Primetime Emmy® Awards, ten News & Documentary Emmy® Awards and received the prestigious Governor's Award from the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for the network's *Save Our History®* campaign dedicated to historic preservation and history education. The History Channel reaches more than 93 million Nielsen subscribers. The website is located at [www.History.com](http://www.History.com).

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