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VISALIA HERITAGE

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TO

MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF VISALIA HERITAGE, INC.

This has been an exciting year for Visalia Heritage, Inc. A dream, started in 1995, is now becoming a reality with the creation of a large childrens library in the historic old Visalia library building. With special donations and the sale of our Visalia afghans and the new book, "Visalia, A Pictorial History", we have raised \$150,000 towards this project.

Once the childrens library is finished it will need carpeting, chairs for the story-telling room, book shelves, furniture, etc. We are continuing to sell our afghans and pictorial history books with the hope that organizations and individuals will continue to help support this worthwhile project.

Our Annie Mitchell \$500 scholarship is one of our ongoing projects. The scholarship is given to a deserving College of the Sequoias student who is studying for the teaching profession.

We also continue to maintain arbors #14 and #15 at Mooney Grove where we hold one of our meetings each year.

One of our Board members, Joseph Vicenti, recently found and donated a piece of the original carpet from the old Fox Theatre. This carpet will be placed in the Fox Theatre memorabilia showcase.

Our group also supported the Visalia Fire Department's "Firemans Cards" project for children in our community. This has been very successful and will be an ongoing project for the fire department.

We thank all of you for your continued support in helping Visalia maintain and grow as a quality community.

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