

**KEEPING THE BEST OF THE PAST  
FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**



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Dear Friends and Supporters of Visalia Heritage:

After a major cleanup of lead paint and asbestos, the old city library is on its way to becoming the new childrens library. This, our largest-ever project, is at last becoming a reality. This project was the idea and dream of Visalia Heritage many years ago. We nearly have reached our pledge goal of \$150,000 which has been accomplished with your donations, the sale of our Visalia Pictorial History book and Visalia afghans.

At the present time, we also are realizing another worthwhile project. We are working to bring the Visalia Homebuilders Tract into an historic preservation district. This tract encompasses the area bordered by Watson Street, Noble Avenue, Conyer Street and Myrtle Avenue. Visalia Homebuilders Association was born out of a need for housing in Visalia. At the time, there were very few homes to rent or buy. A group of Visalia businessmen decided that by pooling their resources they could buy some tracts of land to subdivide into lots, thus helping provide good, affordable housing for Visalia. The Visalia Homebuilders Association was incorporated December 17, 1919. The Homebuilders Tract is today a unique and pristine group of bungalow style homes which Visalia Heritage feels is well worth preserving. We are requesting the City of Visalia to place the Homebuilders Tract in the Historic Preservation District. We have personally contacted each of the homeowners in this area and have been given a 70% approval for our longstanding project.

We continue to give a deserving COS student the annual \$500 Annie Mitchell Scholarship award. We are continuing the adoption of arbors 14 and 15 at Mooney Grove Park by helping to maintain them when necessary.

Visalia Heritage is not a large group, but we are a mighty one in what we have accomplished for Visalia. We could not have done this without your caring and support, and we thank you for this!

Sincerely,

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