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Dear Friend,

There is great excitement in the Historic Costume & Textiles Collection this fall with the announcement of a \$31,000 Conservation Support Project grant awarded to us by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. More than 225 applications were evaluated on their preservation standards. Seventy museums were awarded \$2.3 million in federal grants. We are excited to be one of them! This grant provides funding to replace the wooden cabinets in the Collection. The new cabinets will meet conservation guidelines for the care of collections and provide more efficient storage. A matching gift from the estate of Virginia Webster, whom so many of you knew, ensures the critical conservation of more than 9,000 garments and flat textiles.

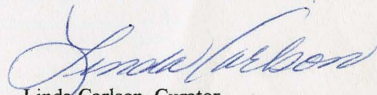
Your contribution to the care and maintenance of our special artifacts remains very important. We depend on you for the purchase of acid-free tissue and boxes for storage. We need your support to mount exhibitions from the Collection in the Gustafson Gallery. Your generosity allows us to add research references to our reading room.

This year we have an additional need for your help. We need volunteers to assist with the hands-on activities of our Conservation Support Project grant, placing artifacts in storage boxes, moving objects into temporary storage and rehousing them in the new units. Jeanne Brako, conservator and collections manager at the Colorado History Museum will offer a number of workshops in the spring to train us in appropriate handling procedures. Please consider becoming a volunteer!

We need your support now. While we look forward to approval and funding a move to the old Fort Collins High School in the next few years, we are excited to have national support for our current activities. Your generosity will help us maintain the Collection and continue to provide exhibitions to the community. Your gift of \$20, \$50, or \$100 will help so much and be greatly appreciated. May we count on your support this year? All you need to do is fill out the enclosed response form (there's a special section to become a volunteer) and send it back with your check. Please know how much we value your gift to the Historic Costume & Textiles Collection at Colorado State University.

Sincerely,


Craig Bigsong
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Linda Carlson, Curator
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P.S. You may want to consider making a gift to the Collection in the name of one of your loved ones. What a wonderful way to honor a child, a sister or special friend.