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Dear Friends of Old Bedford Village,

Old Bedford Village had an excellent season in 2017, with over 20,600 visitors, including over 3000 school students. We were recognized as the *Best of the Best Tourist Attraction in Bedford County* by the readers of the *Bedford Gazette*. In November, we were presented the *Historic Preservation Award* from the Chamber of Commerce at their annual awards banquet at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort. We have had excellent reviews on *Trip Advisor* as well as from our 8000 *Facebook* viewers. While we appreciate these awards and good reviews, our focus is on improving our ways of presenting life on the frontier from 1750 to 1900.

We are currently working on the program book to be distributed at several of our major events in 2018. It will include information about the Village, as well as a list of coming events and a printed program relative to the event at that time. We are offering the opportunity for owners to advertise your businesses, as well as individuals to have your names listed in our program book, recognizing your support of our efforts to present frontier life of long ago. We anticipate a total of between 8000 and 10,000 visitors at these events.

The Village administration has been working diligently over the past several years at what we refer to as our preservation and maintenance efforts. We have quite a treasure here, with buildings from the eighteenth century through the nineteenth century. Buildings from the 18th century are becoming few and far between and will continue to disappear as each year goes by. We want to do all we can to preserve ours as long as possible.

Efforts are currently being made to replace roofs, porch floors, and to constantly identify needs throughout the Village and attempt to meet those needs. Now in its forty-second year, OBV has many buildings that must be preserved, if we are to keep them in use.

Our Executive Director, Bonnie Miller, is working diligently to improve and expand our programs, to care for the facility, and to be fiscally responsible. The Village is operated with a minimum number of employees, as well as a small volunteer group. Bonnie has a huge responsibility and handles it very well. She has no secretary; that is why I am sending this request for support. I am a fifteen-year volunteer at the Village, and now, after managing the gift shop and the general store for several years each, count it a privilege to assist her in any way possible.

Enclosed find a 2018 Schedule of Special Events, complete with the theater schedule on the reverse side. Also enclosed is a donation page. There are levels of support available, We are a 501(C)(3) nonprofit corporation; therefore your donation will be tax deductible, and we will be grateful if you will choose one of the levels and mail a donation to us by May 4 so we have time to complete our program book in time for the Civil War event in June. If you have questions or need information, contact Bonnie Miller at 814-623-1156.

Thanking you in advance,

Emily M. Deremer

Enclosures

Preservation through Maintenance Project

Major Events in 2018

- Civil War Reenactment in June
- Wild West Weekend in June
- Living History Weekend in August
- 2 Murder Mystery Evenings in October
 - Pumpkinfest in October
- 2 Candlelit Christmas evenings in December

Many of our visitors spend time in the community when they come to the events. The reenactors also support local businesses while they are here (some of them come as early as Thursday and then leave on Sunday).

We invite you to be part of a publication that will place your business in front of a captive audience here in Bedford County. We would like to include an advertisement for your business in our program book.

Program Book Rates:

Full page (5 ½" X 8 ½") - \$200

One-half page ad (4 ¼" x 5 ½ ") - \$100

Your business logo will be placed on our Donor Support Page at Old Bedford Village.com

Please send your camera ready image ad to us via email to (emilyderemer@gmail.com). just the way you want it to appear in our book, and we will do our best to fit it in the chosen space.

Also, please enclose a check to pay for your ad. Your donation is tax deductible. Make the check payable to **Old Bedford Village** and mail it to 220 Sawblade Rd., Bedford, PA 15522.

Please send the form below in the enclosed envelope.

Donation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

I wish to purchase an ad in your program book for 2018.

I have selected a (whole page), (half page), ad. I am submitting my advertisement via email.

Enclosed find my check in the amount of _____.

____ I am not interested in purchasing an ad, but I am enclosing a donation to OBV for the maintenance and preservation of the buildings on the site.

Thank you for your support.

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We invite you to support the preservation of Old Bedford Village by having your name printed on the Community Support Page of our program book that will be given to our visitors at the above listed events during the 2018 season. We assure you that your donations will be used to preserve the buildings so they can be enjoyed by present, as well as future generations.

There are several levels of support from which to choose:

Platinum \$500 or more

Gold \$250-499

Silver \$100 - \$249

Bronze - \$50 - \$99

If you do not wish to have name(s) in the program book, but would like to support the Preservation through Maintenance Project, we will appreciate your donation of any amount.

Thank you for your support.

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Name _____

Address _____

I wish to have my name listed in your Program Book for 2018. Enclosed find my tax deductible check (minimum \$50), payable to Old Bedford Village, in the amount of _____.

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