

September 2020

Dear AAHM Members & Friends:

The Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum (AAHM) had planned to host its 9th Annual Fundraiser Gala, **HONORING OUR HERITAGE**, on Thursday, October 29, 2020. Due to the Coronavirus, we were forced to close our doors and cancel this major fundraiser. The theme was ,”**Celebrating Empowerment Through The Ballot.**”

This theme is representative of the 100th year anniversary of the 19th Amendment. We are asking you, our members and friends, to donation as if we were having the Gala this year. You can even donate the price of a \$60.00 ticket as if you were coming to the Gala or donate a sponsorship amount on the attached form.

Thank you for your continued support of the AAHM. Your support has provided the Board the opportunity to develop and provide excellent educational programs and exhibits. We now have four traveling exhibits that we can lend to schools, businesses, and churches. Only through the support of you and other like-minded individuals that provide financial support, can the Museum remain operational.

Please return the form no later than October 1, 2020 to AAHM. P.O. Box 301, Springfield, IL 62705. You can also go to our website at www.spiaahm.org and donate.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 217-638-5755, by email at nrclay1047@comcast.net or Ernestine Lawrence at 217-726-5698.

Sincerely,

Nell R. Clay

Nell R. Clay, President
AAHM Board of Directors