Dear friends and colleagues,

I am so proud of everything we accomplished in 2017 – both at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center and in communities statewide. We reached 1.4 million people through visitation, programs, outreach and services. It was a great year, as you’ll see in this report.

Everything we do is based on our mission as Indiana’s Storyteller and our commitment to collecting, preserving, interpreting and sharing our state’s history. We serve as an important resource for educators, students and researchers – professional and personal. We strive to make Indiana’s history relevant to the rest of the country’s history and to the world today. Connecting people to the past is our most important purpose, and we are able to do it in interesting ways thanks to your support and the support of our Board of Trustees and community advisors.

Our particularly powerful You Are There about Italian POWs in Camp Atterbury has truly touched visitors to the History Center. You Are There: Eli Lilly at the Beginning brought thousands of people into Col. Lilly’s original lab. Our latest You Are There presents the Battle of Gettysburg in an innovative and captivating style.

Our permanent Indiana Experience offerings of Destination Indiana, the W. Brooks and Wanda Y. Fortune History Lab and the Cole Porter Room continue to delight. This past year, we’ve filled the Rosemary McKee Lanham Gallery with everything from motorcycles to war letters to oral histories.

We launched History on Wheels – the ultimate traveling exhibit housed in a semi trailer. Its onboard exhibit, Auto Indiana, was enjoyed by Hoosiers at festivals, fairs and other locations all summer long.

I hope you enjoy this look back at 2017. It was certainly a year to remember for many reasons.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2018 as we focus our fundraising efforts on a campaign to “burn the mortgage” on the History Center and increase the value of our endowment. And, as always, the best is yet to come.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

John A. Herbst
President and CEO
Our membership is more than 5,000 units strong, with a healthy retention rate and more upgrades than ever before.

“‘The start of your journey is Destination Indiana, which is kind of like an Indiana history only internet. There’s a big screen with a handful of short movies on Indiana history and afterward a number of viewing booths. There’s a nice touchscreen system where you can browse Indiana history. I spent a lot of time here and could have spent a lot more time.’”
– Chris Y., Yelp

“I sincerely appreciate your support of the cultural and heritage organizations that work tirelessly to research, preserve and present educational programs and exhibits documenting our Indiana history.”
– Ophelia Wellington, Freetown Village

“The Indiana Historical Society is one of the nation’s finest historical organizations. We don’t brag and boast in Indiana, I know, but this is a true fact. One of the luckiest things in my life was my introduction to this institution in 1969, and I’ve continued to work in its vast collections over the decades. It is a phenomenal institution – one of the great jewels of the Hoosier crown.”
– Dr. James Madison, Indiana University
2017 Financial Summary

Revenue and Other Support

Budget Expenses
- Admissions: 1.35%
- Microfilm and Visual Collection: 0.18%
- Events: 5.47%
- Conferences, Meetings, Workshops: 0.5%
- Retail Sales: 3.42%
- Contributions: 8.29%
- Membership Dues: 3.22%
- Prior Years' Operating Surplus: 12.78%
- IHS Press: 8.44%
- IT and Facilities: 3.34%
- History Market: 3.13%
- Administration and Operations: 13.77%
- Marketing and Public Relations: 16.65%
- Collections and Conservation: 15.62%
- Public Programs: 11.22%
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Actual Expenses: $7,184,877
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“The day before Thanksgiving break, my team took our students on a field trip to the History Center – it was AMAZING! The kids LOVED it.”
– Lisa Fortney, fourth grade teacher

A total of 157,222 people visited the History Center and Indiana Historical Society offerings.

“They had several interactive exhibits with actors which was really cool. Well worth the trip and I am sure it will become part of our Christmas tradition.”
– Christy C., TripAdvisor
Destination Indiana grew by 7 journeys, bringing the number of journeys available to 316 containing more than 3,839 images.

“This is a treasure of a spot to spend an afternoon. Many interactive exhibits and computers to allow you to ‘visit’ your areas of interest.”
– davidcl6965BP, TripAdvisor

“Visitors here will learn some of the wonderful history of Indiana. It’s all good for all ages!”
– Meredy J, TripAdvisor

“The building is easy to get to, there are many different exhibits and activities, has a nice food area, and being right on the Canal, makes a nice day out with the kids.”
– Claudia37209, TripAdvisor
Our digital collection is growing every day! 7,279 images were added to the digital image collections, bringing the number of images available to more than 81,682.

Our Latino and Hispanic Heritage Collection grew by 510 images and 17 oral histories, and our Asian Collection grew by 94 images and 9 oral histories.

396 new manuscript, visual and printed collections/items were added to the IHS archives.

“When in Indy ... do as the Hoosiers do, visit museums and view and experience history.”
– Dave46033, TripAdvisor

Clockwise from top: Licensed by Peter Ayala for the Indiana Historical Society, Licensed by Takuya Sato for the Indiana Historical Society, Mark A. Lee Collection, Indiana Historical Society.
At our annual Founders Day Awards Dinner, we honor our state’s history champions.

Six companies 100-years-old and older were added to the Historic Business Register.

“Standing proud along the Canal Walk in downtown Indy, the Indiana Historical Society is both a venue and museum rolled into one. The beautiful thing is that it is constantly changing – I especially love their living history You Are There exhibits. This museum really gives Hoosiers a lot to be proud of and learn.”

– Brittany S., Yelp

“Being from Indiana it was such a pleasure to walk through the building looking at the historical exhibits. Many fond memories.”

– jadidvm, TripAdvisor
History On Wheels traveled to 17 communities and reached 20,359 people with the onboard exhibit, *Auto Indiana*.

This 53-foot expandable trailer has 1,000 square-feet of exhibit space.
“Since moving back to Indianapolis, my wife and I have enjoyed the Indiana Historical Society facility and especially the Thursday night concerts in the summer. Both the setting and the music are pleasing for a fun summer’s evening.”

– William John F, TripAdvisor

“We enjoyed this great historical place in Indy. We learned a lot about the state and how things came to be.”

– Nita R., Yelp

The Great War Through Hoosier Eyes examined World War I through the letters, diaries and postcards of Indiana soldiers and included oral histories.
“We have gone to many history museums as we crisscross the USA. By far, this is the best history museum we have yet seen. The three actor-simulated exhibits and Cole Porter bar will remain in our minds and memories. I hope this museum becomes a model for cities all over the country. Hats off to all the actors! Don’t miss the Destination Indiana film at the beginning.

– Mary Jo B., Yelp

“Don’t pass it up. Very informative. Love the Cole Porter Room, where they have someone who sings some of his songs.”

– cookieladyangel, TripAdvisor

Be Heard: LGBT Experiences in Indiana was the first in a series of exhibits featuring oral histories from our collecting initiatives.

More than 4,800 students participated in National History Day in Indiana.
State Fair-goers visited the Made in Indiana exhibit on the Indiana History Train.

“So many surprises. So interesting. Great information.”

– Leslie Willsey, Facebook

34,527 State Fair-goers visited the Made in Indiana exhibit on the Indiana History Train.
Festival of Trees featured 80 elaborately decorated trees, and we added a 30-foot showstopper!

“I attended the Festival of Trees for the second time this year ... always a lot of fun, and I am blown away by the ingenuity and quality of the displays! I will be an annual attendee, for sure!”

– Cheryl Dicken, Facebook

“The trees are spectacular, individual and original. It was hard to pick just one favorite. Check ‘em out, you will be amazed.”

– Peggy Corley Bostic, Facebook
IHS awarded 57 Heritage Support Grants totaling almost $1 million.

“Working with IHS brings a credibility to our program that translates to enhanced communication with our community and our stakeholders.”

– Larry Paarlberg, Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society, Inc.

**Heritage Support Grants**

Since 2016, we have been proud to support Indiana’s local, county and regional historical societies, museums, and sites in their important work through Heritage Support Grants. These grants, made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc., are available for projects that help Indiana’s local history organizations improve stewardship of the cultural materials in their care and develop institutional capacity to play greater, more effective roles in their communities. Here are the organizations who were awarded grants in 2017.

**Project Grants**

Adams County Historical Society
Cedar Lake Historical Association
Center for Ray Bradbury Studies
Daviess County Historical Society
Elkhart County Historical Society
Firefighters’ Museum and Survive Alive
Fountain County Art Council, Inc.
Friends of Barker Civic Center Inc.
Friends of T.C. Steele State Historic Site
Friends of the Knox County Public Library
Friends of the National New York Central RR Museum
Friends of Ward Township District No. 5 School, Randolph County, Indiana, Inc.
Indiana State Police Alliance
Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society, Inc
Martin County Historical Society
Miami Indians Foundation Inc
Museum of Miniature Houses
Rush County Heritage
Sisters of Providence Archives
Starke County Historical Society, Inc
Storytelling Arts of Indiana
Swiss Heritage Society, Inc.
Switzerland County Historical Society, Inc.
Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum
The Quilters Hall of Fame
Tipton County Historical Society

**Mini Grants**

Adams County Historical Society
Bartholomew County Historical Society
Brown County Art Gallery Foundation
Cedar Lake Historical Association
Center for Ray Bradbury Studies
Converse Historical Society
Daviess County Historical Society
Firefighters’ Museum and Survive Alive
Freetown Village
Friends of the Limberlost SHS
Henry County Historical Society
Historic Centerville Inc.
Historical Society of Decatur County
Howard County Historical Society
Indiana Jewish Historical Society
Jackson Township Historical Society
Kennedy King Memorial Initiative
Marshall County Historical Society, Inc.
Miami Indians Foundation Inc.
Museum of Miniature Houses
North Manchester Historical Society
Owen County Heritage & Culture Center
Peaceful Valley Heritage Preservation Society, Inc.
Porter County Museum
Shortridge HS PTSA
Sisters of Providence Archives
The Quilters Hall of Fame
Wabash County Historical Museum
Wabash Erie Canal Association
Wakarusa Historical Museum
“Very clever concept of stepping back in time.”
– L.S., TripAdvisor

“Wonderful exhibits throughout the beautiful facility. The You Are There presentations are unique, affording the visitor to chat one-on-one with important Hoosiers.”
– jbla1951, TripAdvisor

You Are There 1943: Italian POWs at Atterbury tells the little-known stories of soldiers finding hope in captivity.

“The boldness of a vastly different approach to making history interesting and informative. The two IHS team members were informed, very convivial and always making sure we were comfortable, knew what was happening. I hope this approach is used more often. This actually convinced me to renew my membership.”
– Program participant
IHS hosted its first bourbon tasting event, featuring more than 20 distilleries and a silent auction to raise money for IHS education programs.

“This is a great interactive, indoor museum. It has many activities to offer people of all ages. It is very user-friendly and is a great place to visit.”

– H K, TripAdvisor

We shared some iconic local history with our exhibit The Harley Shop: Seventy Years of Indianapolis Southside Harley-Davidson.

20,302 people participated in 210 IHS programs onsite and off.
“Awesome! Went with family and had a great time! I would recommend to everyone.”
– Brenda Kay Roth

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we invite the public in to celebrate his legacy and participate in a day of service.

“Each performer was phenomenal and connected directly to the themes of the night.”
– Program participant
“Kids ages 10 and 16 enjoyed it. Very neat place. Interactive exhibits, beautiful building, cafe with outdoor seating, concerts in the summer and sits right on the canal. Well worth the stop.”

– savvycade, TripAdvisor

“IHS has a great deal to offer and continues to innovate.”

– Program participant

The annual Preservation Week Road Show draws hundreds of visitors for free evaluations of their most-treasured belongings.
“I want more people to attend activities like this so IHS will continue to grow and create even MORE fun events. We had a wonderful time.”

– Program participant

“What is unique is that they have a number of exhibits with live actors. You are transported back in time and meet some of the historical characters. Instead of just reading you can actually have a conversation and learn about that individual and events of that time. They were well-informed and helpful.”

– BronxRica1955, TripAdvisor

You Are There: *Eli Lilly at the Beginning* ran through all of 2017, giving guests the opportunity to visit Col. Lilly’s original lab.
The annual Holiday Author Fair features personal visits and book signings with more than 60 Indiana authors.

“There were authors covering everything imaginable from children’s books to sports to Indiana history and travel. The event was fantastic.”
– Katherine A., Yelp

The IHS Press produced 3 books and 12 e-books and collected 4 award nominations.
On Circus Day, we welcome families to join us for a day of fun and games.
1,036 collections and items were cataloged, processed and made accessible to the public.

“This is not a museum. It is the historical archives of the state of Indiana, but has a number of very cool exhibits. It is one of my favorite places to visit and is more adult-focused. If you plan to do any research on Indiana history, this is the only place to go. The reason I am writing the review, is because we go there frequently for events. A good place to spend some time.”

– Profguy, TripAdvisor
The History Center was host to 188 events, meetings and performances, including 25 weddings.

“This is a beautiful building inside and out. They do wedding receptions and other events and this would be a great space for a variety of events.”
– Chris Y., Yelp

“Whew – such relief! I wanted to let you know how pleased we were with Laura and Tyler’s wedding reception at the History Center! So many of our guests commented on how beautiful Lilly Hall looked! All of the IHS staff we encountered over the past nine months were so polite and helpful. I would highly recommend your venue to others and especially the wonderful help and outstanding service we received from you! Your expertise was invaluable in making it all happen!”
– Susie Geswein

“Excellent venue for a wedding reception! Views are spectacular! The food and service is top-shelf! Sound was perfect for the live band!”
– Joe Woschitz, Facebook

“Thanks again for all your help making our company meeting so great.”
– Sheryl Hudson, RJE Business Interiors
The staff here has always been very friendly and knowledgeable.
– Sean F., TripAdvisor

“Brought history alive in a memorable way. Not being from Indiana, I felt I learned a lot about the state from the visit.”
– Tosca1946, TripAdvisor

“The gift shop and its staff were top-notch. I was especially pleased with the Cole Porter Room. Well worth the stop and look.”
– Sherman G., TripAdvisor
The museum was not only beautiful but so informative. You are transported back in time. It was very impressive. We had a wonderful visit!”

– 9Buffalolady20, TripAdvisor

The William H. Smith Memorial Library assisted 6,442 visitors and answered 3,816 remote requests for information.

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The Salvation Army, Indiana Division
“A stunning building with great exhibits. The new exhibit about Gettysburg is awesome.”
– Fred Smith, Facebook

“I felt like I walked right back into time. It was eerie and fascinating at the same time. Brilliant and bold!”
– McCall E, TripAdvisor

You Are There 1863: Letter Home from Gettysburg tells the story of the battlefield through a wife’s experience on the home front.

“Plenty to see and do, interesting re-created trips into the past, a beautiful indoor environment, talented interpreters, and a knowledgeable and helpful staff in the library.”
– elogan58, TripAdvisor
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Support by Indiana National Guard
Italian Heritage Society of Indiana

You Are There 1863: Letter Home from Gettysburg
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Prize provided by the Rooker Family Foundation

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“It’s really neat to be immersed into a time period instead of simply reading about it, looking at a photo/painting, or hearing something from that time. Looking forward to going back!”
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