

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News Release

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Easier to Donate to the Washington County Historical Society

Washington County, Minn. – The Washington County Historical Society (WCHS) is excited to announce that supporters of local history can now donate to the WCHS online.

The Washington County Historical Society, together with GiveMN.org – a first-of-its-kind giving website for nonprofits in Minnesota – is working to change the way Minnesotans experience giving and help create a stronger nonprofit community for Minnesota.

GiveMN allows donors to find and support organizations, like the Washington County Historical Society, that match their philanthropic goals and easily keep track of their donations in a single online location. GiveMN is the first giving-site focused specifically on nonprofits in a single state, but donors can also access all registered United States 501 (c)(3) organizations.

For more than two years WCHS has gone without any assistance from its county – the only county historical society in the state of Minnesota that does not receive assistance from their county. “With this new way of donating to the Society,” explains Brent T. Peterson, WCHS Executive Director, “there will be more opportunity for supporters of history to help keep WCHS on a solid financial foundation.”

By giving online with GiveMN, supporters of the Washington County Historical Society have the opportunity to make a huge difference. We hope you join the GiveMN community, one created by Minnesota donors and nonprofits for Minnesota donors and nonprofits, to help support and sustain the local nonprofit organizations that matter to you.

Support WCHS to the MAX on Tuesday, November 17th by giving a matched gift through GiveMN.org. For 24 hours starting at 8:00 a.m. on November 17th, all donations made to the Washington County Historical Society will be **eligible for matching funds**. \$500,000 will be distributed among all of the organizations that participate.

MAXimize your contribution to the Washington County Historical Society by clicking the **DONATE** button on **Tuesday, November 17th**!

For more information about the new online donation system for the Washington County Historical Society, please contact the Society at 651-439-5956 or visit www.wchsmn.org.

Founded in 1934, the Washington County Historical Society is a private, donor-supported, nonprofit organization with more than 700 individual, family, and business members. WCHS is supported by individual gifts, memberships, earned income, and foundation grants. For more information, please visit www.wchsmn.org.

WCHS is celebrating its 75th anniversary during 2009.