

HELP US PRESERVE A LIVING LEGACY THE DELTA SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY



Parker-Ficke Mansion

“The Past is not the property of historians, it is a public possession. It belongs to anyone who is aware of it, and it grows by being shared. It sustains the whole society, which always needs the identity that only the past can give.”—Dr. Walter Havighurst, Social Historian

Time moves quickly. Everyday we struggle to hold fast to people and moments that we treasure. We take photos, grab keepsakes—all in the hope of maintaining a link to the past. A connection to what used to be.

The **Parker-Ficke Mansion** is a living legacy. A tangible connection to what used to be.

But this living treasure is at risk. Time has taken its toll. A lack of gutters and poor brickwork have allowed water to

seep down between the walls of the house damaging it both inside and out. And the damage is significant. The front porch could be condemned at any time. Metal posts currently secure it, but this is a temporary fix.

But repairs are not cheap. Costs to repair a historically significant building are much higher than for those of a normal building. Special skills and materials are needed to safeguard its status.

Since we purchased the house in 1978, The Delta Sigma Chi Fraternity has worked hard to do the necessary repairs. But water is insidious. Larger measures are needed to stop it from getting in.

So now we are turning to you, our community. We need to raise \$500,000 for the initial repairs to install rain gutters and replace brickwork that will prevent the onslaught of water. **Can we count on you to extend a hand and help preserve this living piece of history?**
Visit our GoFundMe Page at: _____.

As a member of the Davenport community, I know you care as much as I do about its wellbeing. And I am happy to announce that the Delta Sigma Chi Fraternity is committed to using one room of the house to provide free tax services for lower income families and students in our community.

But before we can do that we must ensure that the house is safe for those who live there and those who wish to

visit. Many of the interior walls have sustained water damage from years of leaks and now suffer from mold and rot. It will all need to be either repaired or replaced.

And there is no lack of structural repairs to be made, either. The front porch will need to be replaced if it is to withstand another hundred years of visitors and friends.

But first we need your help. Without it the house will continue to deteriorate. Every passing storm creates more opportunity for damage as the water seeps between the walls. Before long, other parts of the exterior will succumb to water damage, too. It won't take long for the house to become an eyesore.

But this need not be the case. Much of the house is still strong. Much of the beauty remains. Together we can restore the **Parker-Ficke Mansion** to its former glory and make our community more attractive to residents and visitors. And a successful effort at restoration of this historical treasure might just inspire and stimulate other restoration in our community.

Will you join me in saving this living legacy? Will you help me maintain this connection with those who have gone before us?

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AND DONOTE TOWARDS THE
RESTORATION OF THE PARKER-FICKE MANSION—
HELP KEEP THIS LINK TO THE PAST, ALIVE.**