

Spirit of '76 Challenge

Hello, everyone –

Terrific news! We met with The College of New Jersey representatives Gregory Caiola of Development and Lynda Rothermel of the university architect's office. After a period of study and review, TCNJ has decided to use the farmhouse as an Alumni House, working toward full restoration efforts beginning September 2012. A clear function for the house is a critical step in obtaining grants and funding for a full restoration of the house.

The farmhouse will incorporate a museum function, using photographs or historical material throughout the house documenting its rich architectural and community history. TCNJ plans to obtain a cost estimate for a full restoration by September and move forward with grants and fund-raising.

Your personal support is vital, so we will have funds to use in developing a phased restoration plan and fund-raising campaign, and in having matching funds available for grants. Joe Carney, a new member, has challenged each member to contribute \$76.00 to move ahead with restoring the farmhouse. The amount reflects “The Spirit of ‘76” that inspired our Revolutionary forebears. Contribute to restoring the Farmhouse by sending your check for \$76.00 – or an amount of your choice - made out to *The Friends of the William Green Farmhouse* at:

Friends of the William Green Farmhouse
27 Federal City Road at Violet Cox Drive
Ewing NJ 08638

Our member challenge from Joe Carney is below. Please contact me if you have any questions or visit our website at <http://www.williamgreenhouse.org>

Thanks for working with us to restore the Green Farmhouse, an architectural gem listed on the *National Register of Historic Places* and used as a billet by Washington’s Light Horse during the Revolutionary War.

Sincerely,

Anne McArthur, President

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A Recent Letter from One of Our Members

To the Executive Board of the Friends of William Green, I'm a new member and am very excited about the news that TCNJ is looking at restoring the Green House. Now is the best time for our President to contact TCNJ and voice our commitment to the restoration of the house and our concerns for its future use.

To that end, I am sending in my donation for \$76.00 to our general fund. This amount reflects the old "Spirit of '76" and I think if it brought the Continentals good luck, then let's see if any of that luck is left. With my check, I am challenging all my fellow "Friends" to match my contribution, but more important than the amount is that they do donate.

I think it vital to show our sincerity with 100% of the membership contributing. This contribution will be the seed money to begin our portion of the fund raising needed to restore the house. If a member has already donated, great! If they have not yet donated, match me, exceed me, but donate.

If we all pull together with the Executive Board, then I'm sure we will be successful in protecting and restoring this historical gem. I think we can all look forward to the day when we celebrate the 300th anniversary of the house.

I am sending in my check this week and hope that all the other members do too, but let's put a end date of June 1 for contributions.

Thank you, Joe Carney