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Dear Friend and Neighbor,

For the past eight years, 2017, the Museum will host one fundraiser instead of the usual three...the plant sale, wine gala, and bbq will be rolled up into ONE! The event each year will be something different...it will be a surprise attraction but holding with the Museum's theme: "Where Past and Present Meet".

The BIG EVENT for this year will be "Derby Days" in Foster, it's off to the races event! The venue will be at the newly renovated Jones Creek Ranch, 7715 FM 359 on Saturday, August 5th. As in the past, there will be a live and silent auction, door prizes and, and, to help satisfy your sweet tooth, there will be desserts prepared and donated by the Museum Board and Museum friends which will be auctioned off. Big hats and bow ties are welcome or come in comfortable attire. You know how hot it can get at the races!

We, at the Old Foster Community Museum appreciate your generosity and ask for your support of our annual fundraiser. All proceeds benefit local Scholarships, community and education Programs, and the ongoing restoration of the Museum including our newest acquisition of an 90-year-old two-story tenant house with two other historic building acquisitions on the horizon.

The Old Foster Community Museum is a 501 (c) (3) organization. We are located in the northern part of Fort Bend County, Texas. It was organized in 2003 to preserve the memory and the few remaining structures from the 19th Century settlement called the Foster community. This small town was located between the towns of Fulshear and Richmond in the northern part of Fort Bend County about 30 miles west of Houston. In 1904 it was described as thriving community. However, as happened with many small settlements, the railroad passed it by and the town dwindled to nearly nothing by the middle of the 20th Century. The Museum, which is housed in the Jones Creek School, is open by appointment.

If you are a repeat donor, we thank you and, if you are a new donor, we thank you! As a grass roots organization, we totally rely on donations and, as there is no paid staff, all monies go toward the Museum and our programs. Last year the board members volunteered over 7,000 hours. We are also asking local vendors for their support in "spreading the word" by displaying our flyer in their establishment.

We can not thank you enough for your help and cooperation. Our goal is to preserve a bit of our history in our area where we live and where our children and grandchildren will grow up!

Sincerely,

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