



The David Humphreys House

# The Derby Historical Society

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*“Celebrating a Proud Past and a Promising Future”*

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Dear Members and Friends,

We are excited to announce that the Derby Historical Society is launching its **Annual Fund Raising Appeal** to support its programs. The appeal concludes with a **Thanksgiving Reception at Grassy Hill Lodge Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM.**

This year we are inviting you to our “Dinner with David Humphreys,” portrayed by historical reenactor David Loda, a former Derby resident and member of the Derby Historical Society. As he portrays the young Col. David Humphreys, wearing a Continental Army uniform during the American Revolution, he will interact with you, the guest at his dinner. His uniform is a reproduction of the original made by a noted seamstress at Colonial Williamsburg.

Your support of the Annual Fund Raising Appeal is critical for The Derby Historical Society to continue its 63-year mission to enrich our historical and cultural heritage. The fifth grade program, “*The Day in 1762 Program*” at the historic David Humphreys and third grade program “*A Visit from 1759*” presented in the classroom have educated students of our region’s eighteenth century history for over a quarter-century.

We are always striving to provide new opportunities. This past year we purchased, from her heirs, the home of Lorraine Axon who was very active in the historical society. This home is behind the Humphreys House and is being renovated for storage, preservation, and exhibitions our many historical items. With your help, these and other programs and services can continue.

Please invest in the Society’s efforts to preserve our region’s history and culture, by making a donation. For each donation of \$40 or more, you will receive one ticket to the Thanksgiving Reception. The options listed on the enclosed return envelope can help you decide which funding category would be best for you.

**Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you at the Thanksgiving Reception at Grassy Hill Lodge in Derby on the 23rd of November!**

Sincerely,

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