

The Perry Society

Project: Milburn Gravley Gazebo
Campaign Kick-Off May 2015

Estimated Project Completion: Spring 2016
Fundraising Goal: \$30,000
Currently Raised: \$3,000 (as of May 2015)



Project Details:

Perry Society to raise funds to build gazebo in honor of Milburn Gravley

The A. W. Perry Homestead Museum Society, a 501c3 organization, is launching a fundraising campaign to fund the construction of a gazebo that will be used as a park amenity and will accommodate the Perry Homestead's educational programs and special events.

The project will honor Mayor Milburn Gravley, longtime resident and community leader who was also the great-grandson of A. W. Perry and was instrumental in having the park and museum donated to the City of Carrollton in 1976 to use as a museum and park to preserve the history of early Carrollton settlers and the development of the community. Gravley passed away in 2012. "The Gazebo at the Perry Museum will serve as a reminder of the great leadership provided by Mayor Gravley to our city." said David Yarbrough, Perry Society President.

Designed by Terry Wright of Wright Group Architects and Planners, in Carrollton, the 18' gazebo will be built on the grounds of the A. W. Perry Homestead Museum in Pearl Perry Gravley Park.

Once completed, the Gravley Gazebo will provide a venue for the Museum to use for grounds rentals, including weddings and other festivities, photography, programs, and community events that promote its mission of preservation and education.

The group needs to raise \$30,000 and any tax deductible funds anyone may choose to contribute will be much appreciated. An initial gift of \$3,000 in the form of a grant from the Civic League of Carrollton and Farmers Branch has been received. Toyia Pointer, the museum's curator, said "The grant is a substantial initial gift and a wonderful way to kick off the fundraising campaign. We are thankful to the Civic League for supporting this project."

The A. W. Perry Homestead Museum Society was formed in 2008 to support the various activities of this valuable community asset. John Roppolo, Perry Society 1st Vice-President, said of the project "It will provide a venue for lots of fun activities at the Perry Homestead Museum. I hope that the citizens of Carrollton will embrace our project so that we can begin construction and have it ready by spring."

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