Dear Donors,

Because of you and your support, the Prospect House Museum has had its best year ever!!! Your donations and volunteerism made it possible to restore the face of the Prospect House with new paint; You made it possible for us to dig out and improve the landscape including multiple flower beds and gardens. We have two special funds that have enabled the Prospect House Museum to provide much needed upgrades to the Museum - Beautiful Gardens and the Furnace Fund.

We hosted many events this year, including the 150th Celebration of the Civil War and beautiful Holiday Gala. The Prospect House and Civil War Museum guided 2,223 visitors through the museum in 2014. Without you this beautiful historic home would not have received the recognition it deserves.

"A real Gem"—my friend and I did not know what we were signing up for when we reserved a 2 o’clock tour. The most amazing peek into a family’s life here as four generations preserve their life and their positions...as curator Jay Johnson, with humor and due respect shares the lives of his ancestors, you bring their stories away with you and through his anecdotes his history belongs to all of us. We will be back....with our husbands.

Cindy M

"Amazing collection of ancestral Civil War memorabilia displayed in 4th generation home with original furnishings"

This museum has something for everyone - it's a showcase of the Colehour family's lives going back to the 1860's. Curator Jay Johnson is the great-grandson of the original owner and can tell you the story behind every piece of furniture, artifact and family heirloom. You can really tell this is a labor of love for him, maintaining this house! We also had some surprises this past year with a few Major Gifts. Below is a list of new and continued sponsorships from businesses, corporations, and Foundations/Trusts.

MAJOR GIFTS - BUSINESS DONORS—
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Hammers Construction - Perham, MN not only gave us a generous donation but sponsored the Catholic Daughters of Perham to a luncheon and tour at the Prospect House Museum. We thank you. We would love to list all of our donors, but the list is too long and the space limited. I would like to especially recognize the support of Jim Wilkins (who was raised in the Prospect House) and the Colehour family for their continued support in dollars and signage. Without them and all our donors, whether it is cash, volunteering or donating supplies we thank you and, of course, our dedicated board members.

We cannot preserve this beautiful house (recently named to the National Register of Historic Places) and museum without your support!!! THANK YOU