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Dear *Friend*,

***Imagine*** a world where children can hop into the heart of history. A place where the stories of our past are not just told but vividly experienced. Thanks to your unwavering support, this exists at Old World Wisconsin.

You care deeply about our cultural heritage and the educational opportunities it provides. You understand that preserving these stories is crucial for our children's future. ***Without your support, these invaluable experiences could be lost, and the rich history we cherish might fade away.***

Every day, children visit Old World Wisconsin and experience hands-on activities that bring history to life.

***Consider the story of young Emma***, who visited Old World Wisconsin on a field trip. Thanks to your support, she learned how wool is used to make yarn. She experienced the smell of the country, the feel of a sheep's wool, the sound of the blacksmith hammering a horseshoe, and the beauty of the heirloom gardens. Participating in the many activities that our ancestors experienced gave Emma and her classmates an understanding of the past. The conversations she and her classmates had with the facilitators and her teacher, opened the minds of these curious children eager to learn. Emma left with a deeper understanding of our cultural heritage and a lasting memory of a day spent experiencing Old World Wisconsin.

***Jake visited Old World Wisconsin*** last summer with his family. He learned how to gather eggs from the hens which gave him an understanding of the hard work and dedication it took for families to sustain themselves. His eyes sparkled with pride as he handed over the eggs to his mother.



Dear Old World Wisconsin,  
I had a great time at Old World Wisconsin I'm definitely going back. I loved packing the chest. And Thank's for letting me pull the wool or brush the wool. The black smith was so cool. Oh this was so cool to see How they got around it's crazy How they got around. Oh I loved How you would make a shoe that was so cool. And I loved seeing those chicken's and talking about How the House's, barn's Where made. And Thank you so much best feild trip ever.  
Thanks!





This year-end, we need your continued support to preserve these valuable stories, conserve heritage breed animals, protect heirloom plants, preserve historic buildings, and expand hands-on programs, ensuring that more children can experience the beauty and lessons of the past. We envision a future where lessons of the past ignite curiosity, inspire learning, and foster a deeper understanding of our diverse cultural heritage. We will be able to achieve our vision with your support.

***Your generous gift*** this year will allow us to allocate funds where they are needed most. Unrestricted donations allow us to respond quickly, filling gaps in funding at Old World Wisconsin.

By making a year-end gift, you will not only preserve these stories and experiences for future generations but also enjoy the tax benefits of your donation. Your contribution will be a lasting memory, ensuring that the legacy of our heritage lives on.

***We invite you to join us on this journey.*** Your partnership is vital, and together, we can continue to make a difference. Please consider making a gift by December 31st to ensure your contribution has the maximum impact OR by January 12th if the new tax law will benefit you more by waiting until the new year.

With gratitude for your partnership,

*Gwen H. Griffin*

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Executive Director



***Please send in the reply card with your check, make your gift on-line, or use the QR code today!***

***P.S. Every gift made now will help us preserve the stories, buildings, gardens, and animals that are at the heart of our cultural heritage. Your timely support is crucial to our mission.***

***Gifts postmarked by December 31 and received by January 12, will be receipted for 2025.***

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