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EVENT: Annual Fundraising Gala: Celebrating
Copshaholm's 125th (September 29, 2022)

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The History Museum's Annual Gala Celebrates the 125th Anniversary of Copshaholm

South Bend, IN—The History Museum's Annual Fundraising Gala is taking place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, in the Historic Oliver Gardens. Tickets are \$300 per person and reservations are required. Sponsorship packages are available, and tickets may be purchased online at historymuseumSB.org or by calling (574) 235-9664.

This year's event celebrates the 125th anniversary of the year that J.D. and Anna Oliver and their four children moved into their new home at 808 West Washington Street in South Bend—Copshaholm, as they later named it. Copshaholm is the ancient name of the Scottish birthplace of J.D.'s father, James Oliver.

Leading industrialists of their time, James Oliver's chilled plow and other inventions coupled with the marketing and financial acumen of his son, J.D., helped open expansion of the West and established the South Bend community as a leading manufacturing center of the Midwest.

The family's philanthropic gifts, including the Oliver Hotel, Oliver Opera House, South Bend City Hall, housing neighborhoods, and more, laid the foundation for the area's becoming a leading cultural center. In 1988, the Olivers donated Copshaholm to The History Museum. Since then, well over a quarter million students, residents, and tourists have learned about the South Bend community by touring the historic house.

States Executive Director Brian D. Harding, "The Annual Fundraising Gala is an elegant cocktail party that takes place under tent in the fragrant gardens of the beautiful Oliver Mansion. The event has become known in the community as a great way to catch up with old acquaintances—and meet new friends, too. Best of all, the Gala generates much-needed funds to support the outstanding exhibits and programs presented by The History Museum all year long."

The History Museum, a nationally accredited institution, is the second oldest and second largest historical society in Indiana. At the center of its campus is a 40,000 square foot museum. It also comprises three historic houses, including Copshaholm, the exquisite 38-room Oliver Mansion. Current exhibits in the museum's seven galleries include *Unveiled: Wedding Traditions*, in which the Oliver Family is highlighted, and *University of Notre Dame: The Fabric of a Global University*. The museum is proud to be the national repository for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, in which women first played professional baseball. The hands-on Kidsfirst area engages children as they connect past and present. The History Museum educates and enlightens through its collection of a half-million artifacts, guided tours, exhibits, public programs, and research archives.

For information, call The History Museum at (574) 235-9664 or visit historymuseumSB.org

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