



**Mennonite Heritage and
Agricultural Museum**

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Greetings everyone,

In 1969, I was a freshman at Goessel High School, and I remember seeing the Prep School still behind the high school. I also remember the building, jacked up and on blocks, waiting to be moved—and scraping old peeling paint off the building at the new location. Since that time, the museum developed as a showcase for the story of the Mennonite people who came here from Russia and as a testimony to their and our Christian faith. The museum is an institution in the Goessel community that draws people here from all over the world. Our buildings tell a story about the early years, the farm equipment tells of the hard work and changes in agriculture, and the museum itself showcases genealogy and the story of the Mennonite faith.

Before I joined the museum board, I had no idea of the day-to-day operations but now I see the need for constant upkeep of the buildings and maintaining the grounds. This coming year, our appeal is for repairing the bank building where woodpeckers and squirrels have damaged the siding, and the back doors need replacing. Also, the South Bloomfield School would benefit from repainting.

The museum board welcomes contributions toward these projects. For persons over age 70 1/2 or those with farm income, please consider tax-free giving options. A qualified charitable distribution from your IRA account directly to the museum can be excluded from your taxable income. Farmers and landowners have the opportunity to donate livestock or grain commodities and avoid the inclusion of the sale of the commodity in your farm income.

We also have a need of new board members; if you would be willing to serve, or if you know of anyone who would, please let us know. We appreciate all the help and support given this past year in this trying time and also for what we receive in the future, that we may carry on the vision of those who started this museum.

John M. Janzen, President of the Board

MY 2021 CONTRIBUTION

I would like to support the museum financially.

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