



# The Gray Building Coalition

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## Help Restore a Town Treasure

Northfield has created history and tradition at The Gray Building for 128 years. The handsome building remains a community treasure and is arguably the most prominent building in town. The Gray Building Coalition, a non-profit volunteer organization, has led a successful restoration effort of the old schoolhouse; raising over \$1million towards the \$1.4 million goal. The restoration will: update the heating, plumbing, electrical and fire protection; add a kitchen and an elevator; refinish, repair and repaint the entire building; restore the double staircase and the rising wall.

The eight classrooms will be rented to local non-profit organizations and small businesses. The summer of 2005 signals the Coalition's final push to raise the remaining funds to finish the construction. Your financial contribution will secure our success; please consider participating with a gift.

### "I sat right here..."

If you have personal memories of singing at the top of the stairs or hearing the sound of the bell, you can keep those memories alive by contributing to the project. For example, consider honoring a favorite teacher or student with an inscribed brick that will line the walkway at the front of the building, or take advantage of the other recognition opportunities.

### Provide for our community and children today

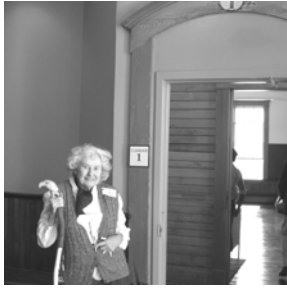
If you are proud to see the Gray Building continue a tradition in Northfield of meeting the needs of children and supporting volunteer efforts, you can ensure its future by contributing to the project. Renovating the building brings new life to our downtown. This is your opportunity to participate and contribute. Make a gift, come visit the building and build new memories.



### Restoring the Gray Building is a great investment

Every gift is important, no matter the size. Every donor will be acknowledged on a plaque inside the building.

Other examples of recognition opportunities include inscribed bricks (\$200 or \$500), stair riser plaques on the restored double staircase (\$3,000), a mounted photo of a loved one (\$5,000), a classroom window (\$10,000) or a classroom archway (\$15,000). Classrooms can be named with a \$50,000 gift. Contributions of \$3,000 or more can be paid over three years.



- Groups and families can pool their gifts to remember someone special
- Businesses can show their support through a named gift
- Classmates can remember a favorite teacher or staff member by naming a window in one of the classrooms
- Honor your parents, each of your grandchildren, your anniversary or a birthday with a commemorative brick – it is a wonderful gift that has lasting meaning

Whether your message is in memory of someone you love, congratulations to your favorite graduate or a thoughtful thank you to someone special, you can take pride in knowing that your gift will go toward restoring a town treasure that will be valued and used by the community for many years to come.

### **Grand Opening Celebration**

Please return the attached pledge form with your gift by **July 31, 2005** so that we can have the Building and the plaques ready for the **Grand Opening on September 18, 2005**.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT!**