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Help Save Third Grade History Field Trips!

Six Charlotte area historic sites work together to provide free field trips to all third graders (11,500 students) in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools each year. These sites include the Charlotte Museum of History, Historic Rosedale, The President James K Polk State Historic Site, Rural Hill, Historic Latta Plantation, and Mint Hill Historical Village.

The history field trips provided through this partnership are the ONLY FREE history field trips offered to CMS students. Each of the partnering sites provide educational programs that meet state curriculum requirements and are the only free history field trips they receive that teach students about the history of their Charlotte-Mecklenburg community.

These invaluable field trips were primarily funded by grants from the Arts and Science Council for the past several years. Due to budget constraints there is no longer funding available. Studies show that students who take field trips demonstrate greater factual recall of historical events and improve critical thinking skills. These effects are even greater for students in schools with more than 50% free and reduced lunch rates. The free 3rd grade history field trips greatly enhance the learning experience for students on every level. These students are the future of Mecklenburg County and their knowledge of our past is critical to our community's future.

\$75,000 (\$25,000 for transportation and \$50,000 for program materials) is needed to fund the history field trips this school year for 11,500 students. If you would like to help make a difference in the lives of these children and to the future of our community, please consider donating to this project. By supporting our history, you can help shape the future!

Tax deductible donations can be made directly to the Charlotte Regional History Consortium (501c3) and will be designated only for this project. You can also give online by visiting this project on the Arts and Science Council's Power2Give website at: <http://power2give.org/go/o/3403> .

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About the Charlotte Regional History Consortium:

The CRHC is a 501c3 non profit organization, dedicated to preserving, promoting, and interpreting the history of the Charlotte Region through cooperation among the region's history organizations and interest groups.

Below left to right: Third graders at Historic Rosedale, Rural Hill, and Historic Latta Plantation.

