



**Y**ou are cordially invited to help protect, restore and preserve one of Oklahoma’s most important historic icons, the State Capital Publishing Museum, through your financial sponsorship of a night for the museum featuring several prominent Oklahoma leaders.

The fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday evening, October 24, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the museum building, 301 W. Harrison, in downtown Guthrie.

Event sponsorships range from \$1,250 to \$25,000, and each giving level provides special benefits.

Details are enclosed with this letter.

The event’s fundraising proceeds will help renovate the circa 1902 building. New windows are only one of the priorities, but with 142 windows that open and shut, it represents a major expense. The per-window naming right value is \$5,000.

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“I commend the museum’s board for raising funds necessary to preserve one of Oklahoma’s crown jewels. This type of project requires private support; government does not have the means to protect all of Oklahoma’s historical gems. It’s my hope others will join this major effort to preserve and protect the State Capital Publishing Museum.”

*Oklahoma Historical Society Former Executive Director*  
**DR. BOB BLACKBURN**

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“This building is worth preserving because once it’s gone, we will never see anything like it again.”

*Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director*  
**TRAIT THOMPSON**

**THE BUILDING IS HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT FOR NUMEROUS REASONS. FOR EXAMPLE,**

- *It once housed Oklahoma's first newspaper, the Daily State Capital. When built, it was the largest dedicated printing facility west of the Mississippi River; and*
- *The newspaper's coverage of how Oklahoma Territory would be opening up soon to new settlers inspired many people to participate in the 1889 land run; and*
- *Most importantly, it was in this building in 1907 that a telegram from President Theodore Roosevelt was received notifying Oklahoma Territory officials that Oklahoma statehood had been approved — and from the second-story balcony statehood was announced to citizens of the new 46th state, Oklahoma.*

**IF WALLS COULD TALK**

The State Capital Publishing Museum's architectural significance cannot be overstated. Designed by Belgian architect Joseph Pierre Foucart—who drew up plans for several other prominent Guthrie buildings—it proudly serves today as a unique example of early 20th century Oklahoma architecture and is a popular anchor in Guthrie's National Historic Landmark District, the largest of its kind in the United States.

Today, the four-story, 40,000 square foot building still houses vintage printing presses and other historical items and architectural details that are of significant importance to Oklahoma's history and need protecting for generations yet to come. With this in mind, the museum's board of directors has created a strategic plan that features important steps for restoring the building so it can reopen in the near future as a museum and multi-use facility. Restored, functional windows are required prior to making a major investment in a new heating and air conditioning system. An external elevator will make us ADA compliant to all four floors.

If you are inclined to help us and to make an investment in one of Oklahoma's most significant historical and architectural jewels, please consider an event sponsorship today.

Sincerely,

Kord Stockwell

Board Chariman, State Capital Publishing Museum

Enclosures



## 2024 FUNDRAISING NIGHT FOR THE MUSEUM EVENT HONORING



### DR. AJ GRIFFIN

While serving in the Senate, AJ was instrumental in passing legislation that would exempt The Oklahoma Historical Society from certain "surplus sales" requirements for historic properties. Without that legislation, this Publishing Museum, as well as other historically significant Oklahoma properties, would likely have been lost to history!!!

Dr. AJ Griffin currently serves as the President and CEO of the Potts Family Foundation. The dual-mission organization supports nonprofit capacity building and funds organizations improving early childhood programs in Oklahoma. AJ is a proud graduate of Oklahoma State University and earned her master's degree in education from the University of Central Oklahoma. She holds a doctorate in learning and organizational change from Baylor University.

## YOU WILL HEAR FROM AN ALL STAR LINEUP:

**Former Governors and spouses:** George & Donna Nigh, David & Rhonda Walters, Frank & Cathy Keating, Brad & Kim Henry  
**Former Senator A.J. Griffin • Current and former Executive Directors of OHS,** Trait Thompson and Dr. Bob Blackburn  
**Current Governor and Lt. Governor** Kevin Stitt and Matt Pinnell • **TV and Web personality** Mike Rowe  
**Guthrie Mayor** Steve Gentling.

## STATE CAPITAL PUBLISHING MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEADERSHIP

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## 2024 FUNDRAISING NIGHT FOR THE MUSEUM

### PLATINUM LEVEL - \$25,000 (UP TO 8 EVENT TICKETS UPON REQUEST)

- ▶ All benefits below, plus
- ▶ Event Presenter Naming Rights
- ▶ Corporate or Personal Name on 1 Large Museum Picture Window
- ▶ Framed Pen & Ink Museum Building Rendering by Architect Patrick Kerr

### GOLD LEVEL - \$10,000 (UP TO 6 EVENT TICKETS UPON REQUEST)

- ▶ All benefits below, plus
- ▶ Corporate or Personal Name on 2 Museum Windows
- ▶ Pen & Ink Museum Building Rendering by Architect Patrick Kerr

### SILVER LEVEL - \$5,000 (UP TO 4 EVENT TICKETS UPON REQUEST)

- ▶ All benefits below, plus
- ▶ Corporate or Personal Name on 1 Museum Window

### BRONZE LEVEL - \$2,500 (UP TO 2 EVENT TICKETS UPON REQUEST)

- ▶ All benefits below, plus
- ▶ Private Tour for up to 8 People - to be Scheduled at a Later Date

### COPPER LEVEL - \$1,250 (UP TO 2 EVENT TICKETS UPON REQUEST)

- ▶ Recognition as an Event Sponsor
- ▶ Corporate Logo or Personal Name in Event Related Video Projections, Printings, and Press Releases
- ▶ Membership to the Elite Publishing 100 Club

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*\*Sponsorship fee must be received by **September 27, 2024** to receive all benefits associated with invitation, printed program and press releases.*

*For event or organization information contact us at [info@publishingmuseum.org](mailto:info@publishingmuseum.org).*

2024 FUNDRAISING NIGHT FOR THE MUSEUM EVENT  
**SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM**

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Sponsor's Name

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Contact Name

Phone

Email Address

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Address / City / State / Zip

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Sponsor's Name as it Should Appear in all Print Materials, Electronic Listings and Transmissions

***Sponsorship Preference: (Select only one box below.)***

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*Please turn page over for additional information*

*Payment Preference: (Select all boxes below that apply.)*

- A check payable to State Capital Publishing Museum is enclosed.
- I'm paying by credit card online at [www.publishingmuseum.org/donate](http://www.publishingmuseum.org/donate).  
(We accept MasterCard, Visa & Discover.)
- Please invoice at: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Billing Address*
- I cannot attend, but am enclosing a tax-deductible gift.

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# of tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_ . (Please indicate number of tickets requested per sponsorship level.)

Guests will need to check in upon arrival and provide sponsor's name.

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This event will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at the State Capital Publishing Museum Building, 301 W. Harrison, Guthrie, OK 73044. From 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Silent auction ends at 8:00 p.m. For more information, please visit [www.publishingmuseum.org](http://www.publishingmuseum.org).

**The commitment deadline to guarantee inclusion in the printed program is September 27, 2024.**

Guthrie Tomorrow Coalition is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization doing business as State Capital Publishing Museum, and is located in Guthrie, Oklahoma. The board of directors has responsibility for rehabilitating the building and reopening it as a museum and unique site for various cultural, educational and economic development activities.

Proceeds from this event will be utilized towards restoration of the building.

*Return this form and payment to*

State Capital Publishing Museum

P.O. Box 57

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