

Dear Friend,

Nothing is more gratifying than communicating about your impact on Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum and our community. Your gifts allow us to create stunning spaces that serve our families, preserve our historical records, and maintain our lovely grounds. Because of you, Bellefontaine is more than a scenic place; it is a sanctuary of history, peace, and connection.

Thanks to your support, our historic grounds and documents are being preserved and enhanced. I am happy to share that, to date, we have been able to digitize all our lot files and have started on our maps. Additionally, we have at least 1,000,000 more documents to scan and catalog to complete the Archive.

Today, I'm excited to share what's next. Below are a few initiatives that will deepen visitors' experience of Bellefontaine's story:

- **Benches throughout our trails and gardens**, to offer rest, reflection, and moments to pause and absorb nature.
- **Interactive QR-code plaques**, to connect visitors with the stories behind our monuments, the lives memorialized here, and the horticultural richness that surrounds them.
- **Preservation of millions of historical documents dating back to the 1800s**, to allow access to future generations.

These initiatives aren't just upgrades. They're invitations to invest, to slow down, to learn, and to appreciate the living legacy Bellefontaine represents. Would you consider giving a gift this fall to support our efforts? For specific funding opportunities, please contact Joe Shields at **314-880-8579**.

Thank you for all you have done. It means more than you may know. With your continued support, Bellefontaine's next chapter will be as vibrant as its canopy this fall and preserve our grounds and history for generations to come!

Best regards,



Sherry Smith

President | CEO

Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum

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