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Dear Friend,

The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society has embarked on the major project of producing and publishing a history of Sierra Madre. A publication date is planned for 2007 in celebration of the centennial of Sierra Madre's incorporation as a city. A proclamation from the City Council has been presented to the Society recognizing our book project as an important activity for the City's celebration.

In 1950 the Society published *Annals of Early Sierra Madre* which was largely remembrances of those who lived here in the 1880s. To celebrate the Bicentennial of our country in 1976, we produced *Sierra Madre Vistas*, a pictorial history of Sierra Madre. Both were popular history books but both are now out of print.

To preserve and promote the historical heritage of our special community, the Society's book committee is working diligently to produce a definitive history of Sierra Madre, a book that is well-researched, enjoyable to read, and is of the highest quality.

In order to achieve our goals and to cover the substantial cost of the project, fundraising is vital. We are therefore making a strong appeal for your financial support. Your donation toward this book fund will be an investment in a long overdue need for Sierra Madre. Donations are tax deductible and all donors will be acknowledged in the book. Gifts may also be made "in honor" or "in memory" of someone special or they may be made anonymously.

The Society is also seeking contributions of historical materials for the book. Photographs, documents, works of art, and other historical materials pertaining to Sierra Madre may be well-suited for the new publication. We are interested in developing our archival collection so if you are willing to lend or donate historical materials for the project, please contact the Society.

The new Sierra Madre history book will serve as a valuable addition to local libraries, an excellent read for your own special interest, an essential introduction for those who become Sierra Madre residents, and a meaningful legacy for our children and grandchildren. For more information about the book, you may contact Dane Lenton, President of the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society, at 626.355.3905 or visit our website at [www.smhps.org](http://www.smhps.org).

Thank you for considering supporting this significant community project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis B. Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Phyllis Chapman  
Historian