



FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION, INC.

The Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Inc. (Friends) is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to supporting the historic preservation programs of the Texas Historical Commission (THC). A board of 23 trustees, including the executive director of the THC, oversees the Friends. Trustees are selected to provide preservation, operational and investment advice to the organization and to ensure that the activities of the organization support the preservation efforts of the THC. The Friends does not have a paid staff; the development officer for the THC manages the operations of the organization.



Friends sponsors the Preservation Fellows, an internship program created to build interest in and awareness of historic preservation among young adults from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Who We Are

The Friends organization was formed in 1996 to assist the THC in the protection, preservation and promotion of the state's rich heritage, and in educating Texas citizens about their shared legacy. Through the Friends, the THC has raised more than \$7 million to support programs such as the Belle Shipwreck Project, the Red River War Battle Sites Project, the excavation of La Salle's Fort St. Louis, the Texas in World War II Initiative, the THC Preservation Fellows student internships and the Texas Civil War Monuments Fund.

What We Do

The Friends has also provided funding and support for the Texas Heroes program, the Historic Courthouse Stewardship Workshops, the Historic Cemeteries Program, the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network, conservation of 23 historic Texas flags, the THC's Annual Historic Preservation Conference, an annual Grant Writing Workshop, the Texas Main Street Program and the T. R. Fehrenbach Book Award.

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