



FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Founded in 1996 as a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission (FTHC) partners with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to preserve and protect the cultural heritage of Texas, developing and securing philanthropic resources to ensure a lasting legacy for future generations.

WHO WE ARE

The FTHC is governed by a board of trustees who are the THC's staunchest supporters and an important resource, serving as a bridge to the broader public. Board members, who reside in cities and towns across Texas, foster passion for and support of historic preservation across the state.

The chief development officer of the THC serves as the executive director of the FTHC, coordinating the board of trustees and managing the development process and daily activities of the organization.

WHAT WE DO

The FTHC was founded to help meet the THC's need for private charitable dollars designated to preserve, protect, promote, and educate citizens about the state's rich heritage. By building public-private partnerships, the FTHC secures funding for THC projects and programs not provided for in the state budget. Additionally, the FTHC provides a means for Texans to become personally involved with preserving Texas' historic places and stories.

The FTHC provides critical funding support to the THC in these four programmatic areas: capital support, education programming, stewardship programming, and fiscal sponsorship opportunities for partner organizations. Over the past two decades, the FTHC has helped secure more than \$13 million to support THC projects and programs, including the excavation of the 17th century *La Belle* shipwreck in Matagorda Bay, the emergency restoration of Fulton Mansion State Historic



Top: Fulton Mansion State Historic Site, Rockport.
Bottom: San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site Museum.

Site following Hurricane Harvey, construction of the museum and visitors center at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site, the Red River War Battle Sites Project, the Preservation Scholars Program, the Texas Courthouse Stewardship Program, THC's annual Real Places Conference, and many other initiatives.

HOW TO REACH US

Contact us for more information on how to support the THC.

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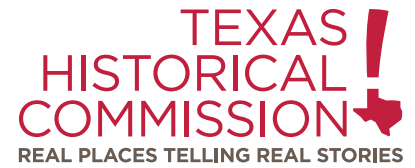
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