

Contact: Angie Carroll
Heritage Farmstead
Museum
Phone 972 881-0140
Fax 972-422-6481
1900 West 15th Street
Plano, TX

Heritage Farmstead
Museum
Plano, TX

Press Release



Plano Teens Walk the Past

The 1891 Farrell-Wilson House is overdue for a restoration and a group of Plano teenagers want to protect their past.

Plano, TX, August 15: *Walk the Past* is the theme for raising money to paint the historic Farrell Wilson house at the Nationally Accredited Heritage Farmstead Museum. "Why not?" said 16 year old, Jessica Brouwer, a volunteer at HFM. "It's about time we appreciate all that has been done for us; all that has brought us to where we are today. This Farmhouse is Plano and we need to remind people that Plano has a rich history." Hundreds of thousands have visited the museum since it opened its doors 1986. The wood frame 14 room Victorian era farmhouse has deteriorated over the years and the hot Texas summers have taken their toll on the house exterior.

In today's economy funding is limited; but today's youth will not let that stop them. Teenage groups who have supported the Farmstead over the years as volunteers include HFM's own Farmhand Apprentice's, National Honor Society students from Vines, Jasper, Shepton, Plano Senior High, Plano East and West, home school students and Boy and Girl Scouts. Many of the teenagers provided input for the design of a glow-in-the-dark silicone bracelet that can be given to mark the support of this very important service project. The monetary goal of the fundraiser is \$45,000 to paint the exterior of the house which will inhibit further deterioration. All these teenagers are asking for is a donation that will keep our museum "glowing;" a beacon that shines at the center of Plano Texas recalling the past as we walk towards the future.

For Release 9 a.m. CST, August 15, 2009