



COLORADO SPRINGS PIONEERS MUSEUM 2023 TRANSFORMATION



SAM EPPLEY



Right inside the front door of the 1903 El Paso County Courthouse is a brass plaque with my father’s name on it. The plaque was set in place in 1979 to mark the re-dedication of the building as the new home of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum (CSPM). Samuel M. Eppley served on the museum board at the time and was one of countless residents that worked to save the courthouse and move the museum. I feel great pride every time I see his name, and I also have a sense of responsibility for the ongoing success of the CSPM.

This annual report tells the story of an unusual and extraordinary year for the museum. Through the hard work and dedication of the CSPM staff, board members, volunteers, and supporters, we’ve remained focused on our mission amid the largest capital construction project since the 1970s. Even with our main building closed since last July, we’ve pursued our ambitious public outreach programs and engaged over 70,000 visitors in 2023. To do this, we moved into a new temporary home with brand new exhibits. In the main building we moved or protected every exhibit and storage area to make way for construction. We committed to creating vastly improved climate conditions to better preserve our sensitive collections. We also raised more than a million dollars—a record-breaking figure—to support these efforts and to expand how the CSPM can share Pikes Peak regional history for generations to come.

This 2023 Annual Report recounts a transformative year in the museum’s 127-year history. Like my dad, I’m thrilled to be associated with the great work and ambitious goals of our regional history museum. My sincere appreciation to everyone that supports the museum’s success.

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Board President

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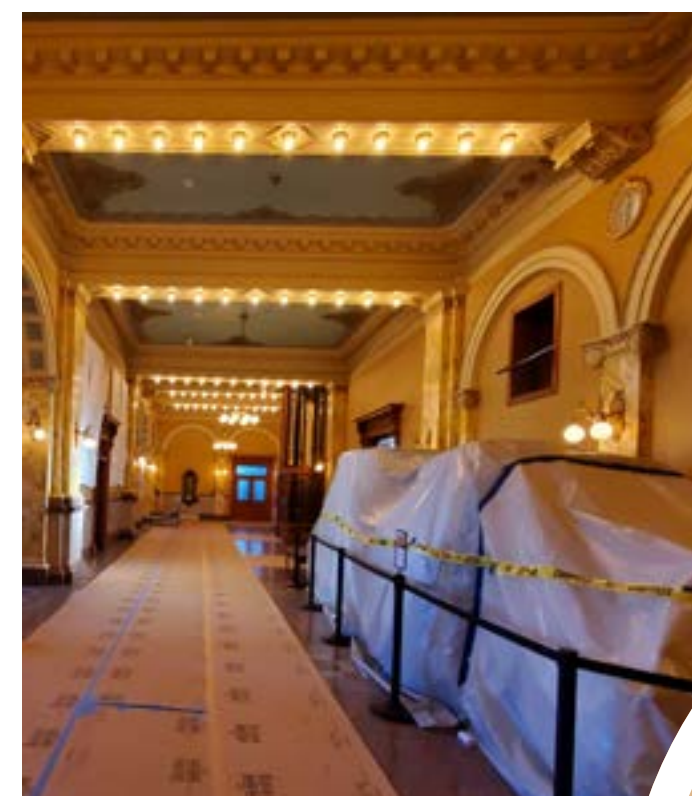


A HISTORIC PROJECT: BY THE NUMBERS



This transformative endeavor is not just shaping the museum's future, but also leaving behind a lasting legacy for generations to come, ensuring that the vibrant history of the Pikes Peak region continues to inspire and educate. I'm excited that my children, and future generations, will have the opportunity to enjoy the museum just as I have, immersing themselves in the stories and treasures of our past."

— Sarah McGuinness,
Past President, CSPM Board



A HISTORIC PROJECT: BY THE NUMBERS

100%

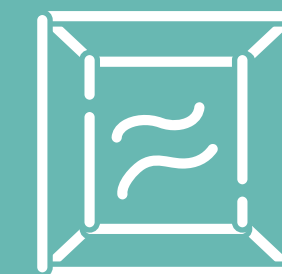
of the historic 1903 El Paso
County Courthouse was
impacted by the HVAC
Project



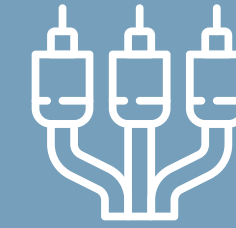
23,000
CONSTRUCTION
HOURS



7,450



OBJECTS
MOVED



5.5 MILES
OF ELECTRICAL
WIRING INSTALLED

\$6.5M

DOLLAR CAPITAL
PROJECT



500+

archival boxes
purchased for
collection moves



33

EXHIBITS, COLLECTION
AREAS, AND OFFICES
DEINSTALLED



50

PROJECT PARTNERS

ENCLOSURE



BUILT AROUND
THE HELEN HUNT
JACKSON HOUSE
TO PROTECT IT IN
PLACE



6,500

feet of fire alarm cable
installed

16
TONS



OF GRAVEL REMOVED
FROM THE ROOF

3

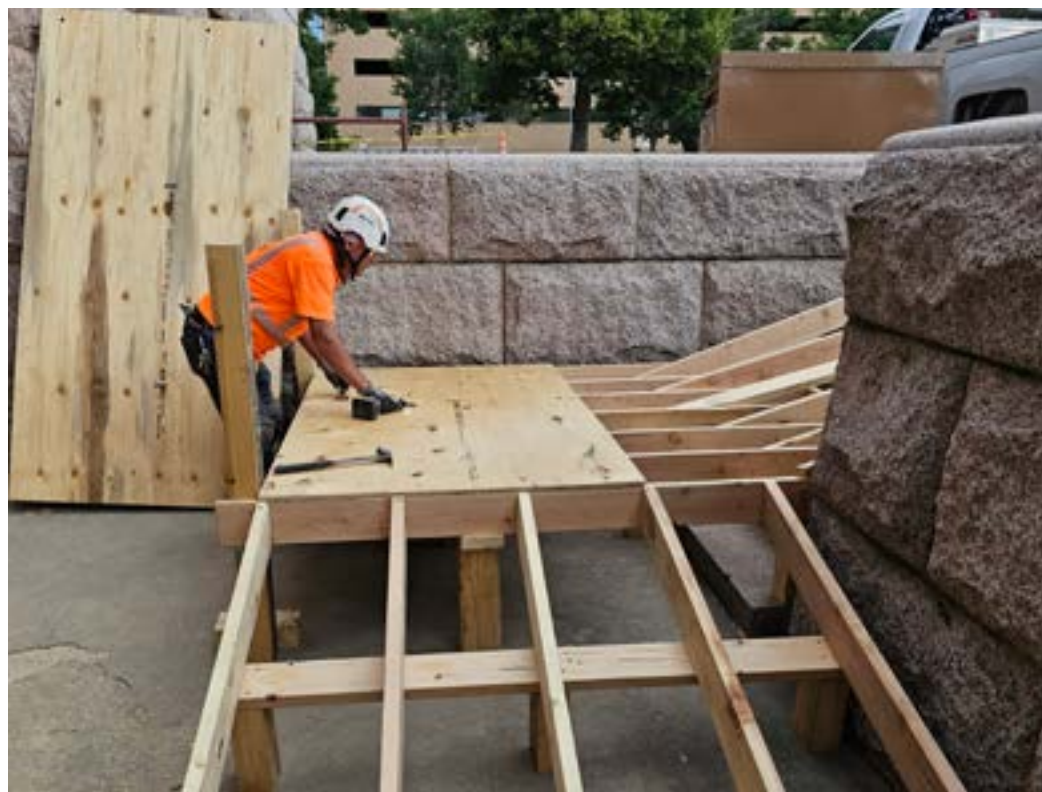
INDUSTRIAL HEATERS
PUMPING HOT
AIR INTO THE
BUILDING DURING
CONSTRUCTION



93

CUBIC FEET OF
ARCHIVAL
MATERIALS MOVED

A HISTORIC PROJECT: THE PROCESS



HVAC is the main line of defense to preserve our collections. Keeping a consistent temperature and humidity is critical to us and it also makes our visitors comfortable.”

– Matt Mayberry, CSPM Director



A HISTORIC PROJECT: BY THE NUMBERS

18,000

LINEAR FEET OF
CONDUIT



52,000

pounds of ductwork
installed



\$1M

fundraised through
private donations

50

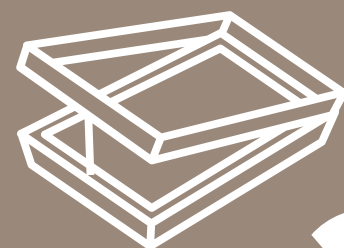
project
partners



contributed
23,000
hours

60

gallons of
paint used

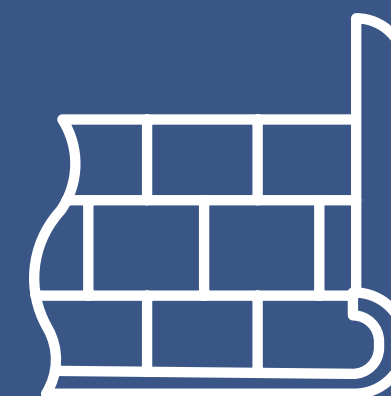


2,200

pounds of roof
hatches installed

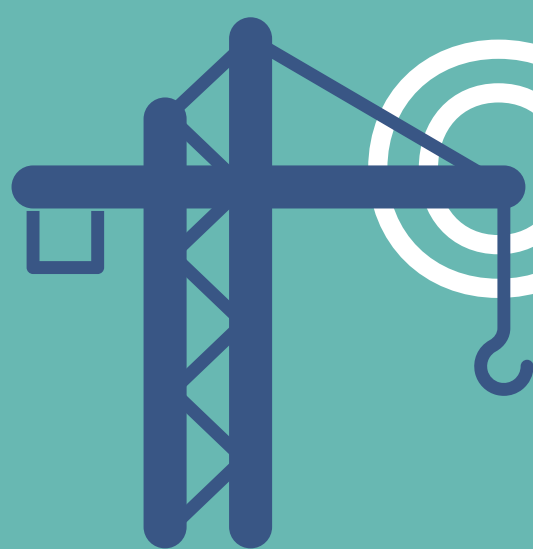
340

ROOF CLAY
TILES
REMOVED &
REINSTALLED



5
months

OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN 2023



ONE

QUARTER MILLION-POUND
CRANE WITH A BOOM
REACHING

190 FT. HIGH



5,500
HOURS

from CSPM Staff to
protect our building,
our collections, and
our exhibits in 2023

AND THE
WORK
CONTINUES...

CONTINUING OUR MISSION: SEEING IT WORK



“During the closure of the museum building, CSPM Staff and Board wanted to maintain a presence by hosting our most popular programs out in the community. Our programs always draw attendees to engage with local history during a normal year, but we were blown away by the positive response we received.”

— John Harner, PhD,
Programs Committee Chair



CONTINUING OUR MISSION: BY THE NUMBERS

859

HISTORY
DETECTIVE
BADGES
AWARDED



11

NEW CSPM
ANNEX
SIGNS AND
WINDOW
VINYLs
CREATED



45

PRIVATE
AND PUBLIC
EVENTS
HOSTED



71,562
VISITORS

engaged with local
history



Recognized as a
“**BEST OF**”
from Colorado Springs
Independent and Colorado
Springs Gazette



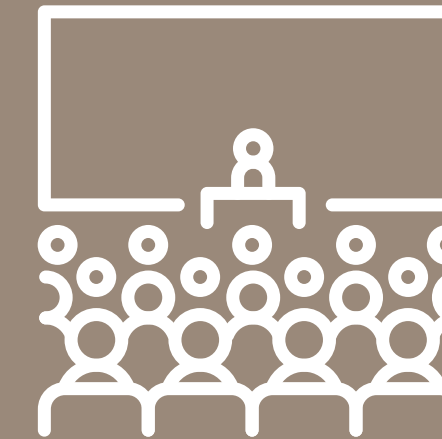
COLLABORATED
WITH

75

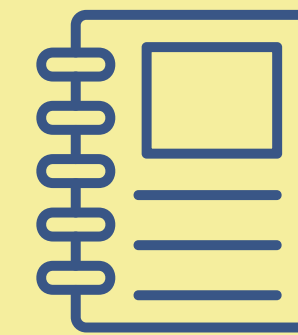
PARTNERS FOR
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

40+

LOCAL COLLEGE
PROGRAMS & TOURS

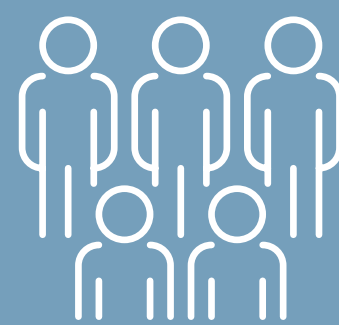


9,562



Evergreen
Cemetery
Ledger Pages
Digitized

60



CURRENT, INC. EMPLOYEES
AND FAMILY MEMBERS
GATHERED FOR AN EXHIBIT
OPENING AND REUNION



24

Miles Walked on
History Strolls



80+

ORAL HISTORY
INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED

GIFT OF HISTORY
CAMPAIGN RAISED
\$119,678



PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

CONTINUING OUR MISSION: SEEING IT WORK



“My 5 year old son and I attend the Little Learners Program! We’re very impressed how seamless the transition to the CSPM Annex has been during the museum renovations.”

– Meghann Amerine,
Little Learner Parent

CONTINUING OUR MISSION: BY THE NUMBERS

1 3

NEW
MAYOR

NEW CITY
COUNCIL
MEMBERS

sworn in on the grounds

118



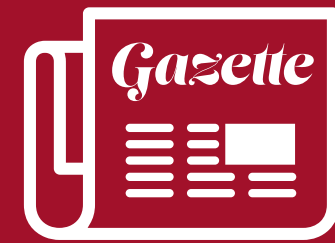
VOLUNTEERS
SERVED THE
CSPM



VOLUNTEERS
DEDICATED

4,408.38

SERVICE
HOURS



393

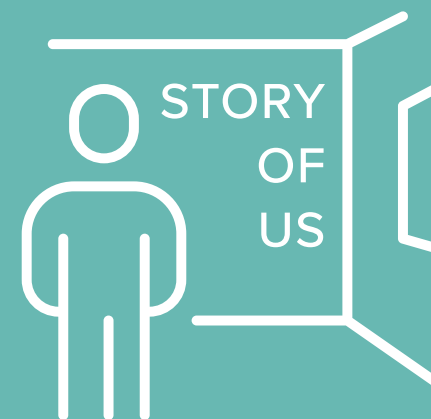
GAZETTE BACKPAGES COMPLETED

#1 VISITOR
QUESTION



“When will the
museum reopen?”

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BRAND NEW EXHIBITS
OPENED IN THE CSPM ANNEX

VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

\$160,275



607

MEDIA HITS

EXPANSION



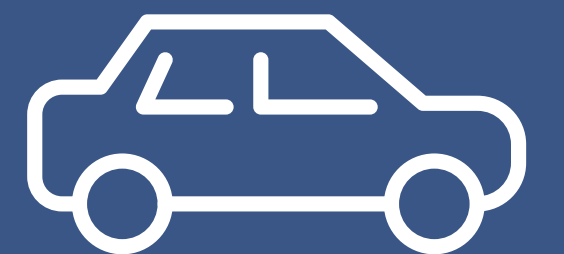
of the Cultural
Corridor Banner
Project with
Downtown
Ventures



WELCOMED

3,650

children through school
and family-friendly
programs



HISTORY DETECTIVE
VOLUNTEERS TRAVELED

138.5 MILES

TO DELIVER SCHOOL
PROGRAMS

10



LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS

1,401



ADULTS
PARTICIPATED
IN GUIDED TOURS

THANK YOU FOR MAKING AN IMPACT

THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS
FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS WHO MAKE
AN IMPACT AT THE CSPM EVERY DAY!

In 2023, we raised

\$1.2 MILLION

from **667** supporters to
invest in the
MUSEUM'S MISSION AND TRANSFORMATION

\$50,000+

City of Colorado Springs LART

Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum Foundation*

Estate of Morris Gray

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\$25,000 - \$49,999

Anonymus

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Legacy Giving Fund*

Suthers Family Fund 

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\$10,000 - \$24,999

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Charitable Foundations

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\$5,000- \$9,999

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\$2,500 - \$4,999

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\$1,000 - \$2,499

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\$500 - \$999

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\$250 - \$499

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 Clock Tower
Society

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