



PROJECT LIBERTY SHIP

December 9, 2020

Dear Friend of the John W. Brown:

Here we are again at the end of the year and what a difficult and tumultuous year it has been. We, like so many other businesses, both profit and non-profit, have been forced to shut down our normal operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This particularly impacted us for we relocated to a pier that allows easier public access and potential to raise funds only to be shut down to the public and have to cancel all our cruises. The public access benefits of the pier come at a cost of \$16,000 per month rent which has had a more significant impact due to our inability to be open. We can only hope that the virus will be conquered in 2021 and allow us to open back up to the public, giving us the opportunity to resume our cruises, implement our plan to increase events on-board and to open the JOHN W. BROWN to relatively normal operations.

Until then it's once again time for our year end fundraising drive, which, as you can understand, is even more critical this year than it has been in the past. Not only are we seeking funds to help us with the monthly rent (while we still seek a more suitable berth) but we are asking for your help in the purchase of a number of Items needed for our regular operations. Here are suggestions that you might be willing to help us purchase:

Deck Department

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| 1. Pneumatic Deck Crawler (hammer) | \$3,500.00 |
| 2. New canvas cover for a lifeboat | \$900.00 |
| 3. Coil of 26 mm (1") Spunflex line (722 ft.) | \$1,350.00 |
| 4. Coil of 16 mm (5/8") Spunflex line (722 ft.) | \$650.00 |

US Navy Armed Guard:

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| 1. 5" 51 Naval Gun from the SS RED OAK VICTORY | \$12,500.00 |
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Our sister museum ship wishes to donate a 5"51 naval gun that they have had in storage for many years. This is the correct gun for our aft gun deck, and we hope to obtain it and replace the 5"38 mount currently there. This cost covers crane and shipping costs from Redmond, California to Baltimore.

In addition to these items we have other needs to aid our educational programs and daily operations which we have identified as **"Fund-a-Need"**. We have listed these on our fundraising website and have noted them below. If you wish to go on-line to donate for the particular item or to our general fund the link for on-line donations is:

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/general-fund>

Of course, if you rather donate by check that is accepted as well just identify what you wish your donation to go towards.

\$25 Fund-A-Need for 2 Hercules Folding Chairs (Quantity of 400)

Your \$25 donation will provide 2 Hercules folding chairs. Over the years, our folding chairs are showing their age as the marine environment has taken its toll on the metal parts. The chairs will be used in the 'Tween deck spaces for meetings, educational sessions and on the main deck during living history cruises.

\$50 Fund-A-Need for 2 Hospitality Pillows (Quantity of 100)

Your \$50 donation will provide for 2 hospitality pillows to assist our youth and adult educational programs that require overnight stays on-board. As of June 2020, our youth program expanded to provide an additional 36 overnight sleeping arrangements for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet program.

\$75 Fund-A-Need for Customized Museum Mattresses (Quantity of 100)

Your \$75 donation will provide for 1 customized museum mattress to assist our youth and adult educational programs that require overnight stays on-board. This is of particular need with the additional berths we have installed for overnight stays.

\$100 Fund-A-Need for a Video Frame (Quantity of 3)

Your \$100 donation will allow for the purchase of 1 video frame for our museums. The video frame is instrumental in providing a digital display in our museum exhibit which provides more images and information than a poster and can be easily updated.

\$250 Fund-A-Need for Paint & Supplies (Quantity of 50)

Your \$250 donation will provide any combination of paint and supplies to assist with maintaining our maritime museums. The colors we need are: Haze Gray, Caution Yellow, Deep Rustic, Safety Red, Black, International Orange, and few others. Our needed supplies include paint rollers, tape, trays, stirrs, tarps, and drop cloths.

\$500 Fund-A-Need Level for a Washer or Dryer (Quantity of 2)

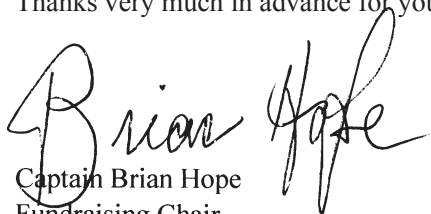
Your \$500 donation will provide either 1 washer or 1 dryer to replace our often-broken-down machines allowing our Steward's department to keep up with ship's needs and provide reliable options for our long duration visitors such as the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets.

Fund-A-Need for Any Amount or Need (Quantity of 500)

It is the donor's choice as to the amount which will be applied to any need. Operating a WWII liberty ship museum has some unique challenges, there is always a repair, new gallery equipment, replacing tables, fuel, towing services, and miscellaneous other needs during our peak cruising season. Any contribution amount is greatly appreciated to support our mission.

For those of you who simply wish to contribute to our fund that would certainly be most appreciated. As you know we have ongoing costs for insurance, fuel and of course the monthly rent for the ship berth.

Thanks very much in advance for your continued support of Project Liberty Ship.



Captain Brian Hope
Fundraising Chair
Project Liberty Ship

