



GLENWOOD CEMETERY HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

December 1, 2000

Dear Member:

We have exciting news. For the past year the Board of Directors of Glenwood Cemetery, Inc. has been working diligently on the formation of the Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation. I am delighted to report that this has been accomplished.

The need for the Foundation, which is a non-profit 501[c][3] organization, became increasingly apparent when we realized that many of the things we would like to see occur at Glenwood would probably never be accomplished through our existing financial resources. Income from the investment account is reserved for essential services and cemetery maintenance. This includes such things as maintaining the paved roads throughout the cemetery, 24-hour security, and building miles of old brick retaining curbs and general landscaping.

Because Glenwood is a garden cemetery our costs are much greater than the more recent park cemeteries where mowing, for example, can be done in a much more cost-effective way.

But Glenwood is a gem. A lovely tranquil oasis in the heart of Houston an increasingly more congested city. In addition to its obvious value to those who have family buried here, it has tremendous though little realized impact on the environment. Much as Mt. Auburns in Boston has become an important city landmark so Glenwood should be for Houston. Anyone driving down the Memorial Parkway has only to glance to the side to glimpse its beauty.

By establishing the Foundation we will now be able to go to the community for financial donations and make those gifts tax deductible. Those who wish will be able to make memorial contributions in memory or in honor of individuals or special occasions.

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\$100,000 has already been raised among the members of the foundation Board.

The foundation has also created a list of projects that we will be seeking funding for from charitable foundations and individuals. For example, analyzing and designing a solution for ongoing erosion problems, restoring, cleaning, and straightening monuments and compiling and writing a book on the history of the Cemetery.

We are calling our campaign "Glenwood Perpetuated" because we believe the cemetery is worthy of our efforts to make its future as fine as its past. It indicates our commitment to insuring the financial stability of the cemetery far into the future.

Enclosed with this letter are several items for your perusal. First a list of the members of the Foundation Board, which is separate from the Glenwood Cemetery Board. Next a list of important things that have already been achieved and the wish list of things to be accomplished. Finally, a form that you may use should you wish to make a contribution to the Foundation in memory or in honor of a loved one. It would make a wonderful Christmas gift since the holidays are fast approaching.

As you can see much has been done but if we are to enhance Glenwood, as it deserves the vehicle by which we can raise the funds has been created. As things develop we will keep you posted!

Meanwhile everyone associated with Glenwood joins me in wishing you a very special Holiday season.

Sincerely,


F. Carrington Weems
President and Chairman of the Board

GLENWOOD CEMETERY HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A capsule summary of recent efforts

WE HAVE:

- **REFORESTED** Glenwood including the planting of more than 2,000 trees. With the generous assistance from members of the Garden Club of Houston our tree inventory has been cataloged and more varieties of trees have been identified than in any other location in the Houston area.
- **LANDSCAPED** the front entry area and other strategic points throughout the cemetery.
- **RECEIVED** three awards from the Park People as recognition of these efforts.
- **CONSTRUCTED** our own water system including a well, storage facilities, underground water piping and an automated sprinkler system.
- **REPAIRED**, or upgraded most of our roadways including the installation of approximately three miles of old brick curbing and most of our old drainage inlets.
- **TURNED** a four-acre eyesore gully into The lovely and popular “Valley Section” with streets and underground drainage and the creation of the “Belvedere” which was generously donated by one of our Board members.
- **RESTORED** and enlarged the Office-Cottage creating a more attractive environment for the public and for our lot owners to enjoy and utilize in their visits to Glenwood.
- **IMPLEMENTED** twenty-four hour on site security and installed a guard sentry station which also serves as an attractive “feature” as you enter the main grounds.
- **RENOVATED** and expanded our shop area including a lunchroom and other facilities for our employees.
- **RECLAIMED** ten acres of land from the Harris County Flood Control District and created an attractive area (the “Bayou Park” section) destined for future lot development.
- **MERGED** with “Washington Cemetery” which provided an additional seven acres of undeveloped acreage creating opportunities for future revenues from lot sales for both cemeteries.

WE NOW SEEK your help to accomplish even more for the immediate future and to project the beauty and financial stability of Glenwood into the next millennium.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GLENWOOD

GOALS

WE WANT TO:

- ANALYZE and design a solution to the erosion problems along the northern boundary of the cemetery (\$30,000).
- IMPLEMENT erosion reclamation in stages (three stages of \$500,000, each).
- COMPLETE the collection of information for the history of Glenwood by hiring a professional to pull it together and print 5,000 copies (\$100,000).
- RESTORE, clean and straighten monuments and copings of historical or artistic significance (\$200,000, initially).
- BUILD a Columbarium with or without a Chapel with name recognition available (\$500,000, \$1,000,000 or \$1,500,000). Site and design has not been selected.
- DEVELOP and print a Cemetery Tour Brochure for visitors, which will identify notable flora and fauna, initial cost and printing (\$12,000).
- INCREASE ^{Permanent} endowment ~~from \$11 million~~ to \$25 million in increments of (\$250,000, ^{Permanent} \$500,000 or \$1,000,000).
- INCREASE the size of the Office Cottage by approximately 2,000 SF (\$100,000).
- DEVELOP the "Bayou Park Section" making it ready for lot sales (\$350,000).
- ENCAPSULATE in mylar all of the original and old records for posterity including the rebinding of bound volumes (\$50,000).

PERMANENT FUNDS

Contributions to:

THE GLENWOOD CEMETERY HISTORIC
PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

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Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation

I would like to make a gift to the Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation. This is not an *honorarium* and does not require acknowledgement to an honoree.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Daytime Telephone _____

Please make checks payable to the Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation. The Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation is a 501[c][3] non-profit organization.

Additionally, those who desire to give appreciated securities should contact Dick Ambrus, Vice President and Treasurer for assistance (713) 864-7886.

Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation

I would like to acknowledge the following with a gift to the Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation.

1. Name to Acknowledge

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Please send an acknowledgement of my gift to the following:

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

If you wish to make additional donations, please provide the above information on the reverse of this form.

My check in the total amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please make checks payable to the Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation, 2525 Washington Ave., Houston, Texas 77007. The Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Telephone _____