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BURLINGTON MUSEUMS FOUNDATION

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COMMUNITY BUILDERS INITIATIVE

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## Creating a Legacy

In our lifetime, most of us aspire to create a legacy; one that leaves lasting memories that will be passed down to our children, our families and in many cases to the community where we live and work. A legacy is about learning from the past, living in the present, and building for the future.

The majority of us will never have our name and accomplishments remembered in history books. However, we still need to leave something of ourselves; our experiences, ideas and values in the minds and hearts of others. Leaving a legacy helps complete the circle of life.

## Remember Our Roots

In our city, Brant, Ireland, Smith, Gage and many other founding families have left a distinct mark that can be seen on buildings, streets, parks and businesses. As Burlington continues to grow and time passes, the challenge will be to ensure that we remember our roots and the proud legacy of our founders.

The Joseph Brant Museum provides an important link between the community and its heritage. The expansion will enable us to share the story of those individuals and families who have laid the foundation for the growth of Burlington through a variety of innovative formats within our new “Community Builders” initiative.

## Sharing Our Stories

The “Community Builders” initiative will enable individuals and families to share their unique Burlington connection in the following ways:

- *Exhibition*
- *Oral History*
- *Virtual Exhibition*

## Exhibition

There will be an opportunity to feature your family’s story in an exhibition within our newly transformed Joseph Brant Museum. The exhibit will use vibrant graphics coupled with interesting textual materials to create an exciting platform to share your story.

## Oral History

There will be an opportunity for you to participate in our oral history project and become an integral part of the Museum’s collection. Capture your family’s history in digital form for future generations to explore.

## Virtual Exhibition

There will be a new virtual exhibition featured on the museum’s website created to showcase your story through family photographs, shared memories and artifacts.

This virtual exhibition will allow the public to learn about our city and the contributions and lasting impact that families like yours have made on our community.

With over 24,000 unique views a year, this new exhibition will provide the opportunity for people to explore our city and our history in ways not possible previously.



## Transforming the Joseph Brant Museum

The future of the Joseph Brant museum includes an exciting 14,000 square foot expansion. The addition will include engaging exhibition galleries, additional programming spaces, a gift shop featuring local artisans’ wares and proper storage to house and preserve over 25,000 artifacts and historical treasures.

The expanded museum will become a premier cultural heritage destination for Burlington that will inspire and engage people through interactive in-house and travelling blockbuster exhibitions, expanded educational and public programming and cultural exchanges and partnerships. The new Joseph Brant Museum will become a major cultural destination and focal point along the city’s beautiful waterfront.





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## VISION

Our vision is a community that knows and celebrates its diverse cultural heritage and works together to build a better future.

## MISSION/MANDATE

Museums of Burlington promotes understanding of and respect for the peoples and culture of Burlington through research, stewardship of collections, and public outreach.



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