

HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION AWARDED WITH A GENEROUS GRANT FROM GEORGIA POWER FOUNDATION

SAVANNAH, GA – January 30, 2019 – Historic Savannah Foundation has been presented with a \$10,000 grant from the Georgia Power Foundation to help with the non-profit's preservation activities in 2019.

This contribution will help support HSF's programs and allow the organization to save buildings, places, and stories that define Savannah's past, present, and future. HSF has grown into one of the most respected local preservation organizations in the country—emphasizing not only the protection of individual historic buildings but also the revitalization of blighted neighborhoods. Instead of being a reactive crisis-oriented organization, HSF is a credible civic-minded organization that puts its money where its mouth is and works proactively to save Savannah's character—in the National Historic Landmark District and throughout Chatham County.

HSF demonstrates the cultural, social, and economic benefits of preservation as good public policy by proving that preservation and progress go hand-in-hand. Anyone who has visited Savannah knows that preservation is, arguably, the backbone of the economy and, inarguably, what makes it different from any other city in America. HSF is a big part of that.

"The Georgia Power Foundation's donation is significant not only for its generous amount, but also for the connection it solidifies between two of Georgia's great corporations," said HSF President and CEO Daniel Carey. "We are grateful for Georgia Power's acknowledgment of what HSF does for the Savannah community, and how this gift will advance our work in 2019."

The Georgia Power Foundation provides grants to organizations that are enriching the communities they serve. Since its inception, the foundation has contributed over \$170 million to qualifying non-profit organizations, and makes charitable donations to hundreds of organizations and initiatives through their service territory (155 of Georgia's 159 counties), working with community agencies to identify the best programs to address local needs. Strong preference is given to Georgia-based organizations and programs that seek to improve the quality of life for the state's residents. It ranks as the fourth-largest corporate foundation in Georgia in terms of giving.

HSF saves buildings, places and stories that define Savannah's past, present, and future. Following its formation in 1955, HSF started a Revolving Fund to save endangered historic

properties. To date, HSF has saved and protected more than 370 buildings throughout Savannah's historic districts. HSF demonstrates the cultural, social and economic benefits of preservation as good public policy by proving that preservation and progress go hand-in-hand.

For more information about Historic Savannah Foundation, please visit <u>www.myHSF.org</u> or call 912-233-7787.

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