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**AGENDA ITEM
REQUEST/JUSTIFICATION FORM**
(To be completed by requesting Department)
Forward all requests to Sharon Bourke, LC2 Civic Center
**DEADLINE SUBMITTAL IS 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY
BEFORE THE TUESDAY MEETING**

Agenda item: Presentation

(i.e. Consent/Recognition-Proclamation/Presentation/Public Hearing/Committee, etc.)

Date to be on agenda: August 2, 2016

Exact wording to be used for the agenda: Presentation about Charters of
Freedom Monument by Foundation Forward, Inc.

Action requested: None

Amount requested: N/A

Object Code: _____

Is item in current year's budget?

Yes _____

No _____

Does this item commit funds in future years?

Yes _____

No _____

If yes, explain: _____

If an agreement or contract, has the County Attorney reviewed
and approved?

Yes _____

No _____

Previous action taken on this item, if any: _____

Recommendations and rationale or action: _____

Will anyone speak on behalf of this item, if so who?
Foundation Forward, Inc.

Ron Lewis, Facilitator,

If this is a rush agenda item, please explain why: _____

Submitted by (Name & Dept.): Chair Mary Ann Borgeson

Ext. 7025

Date submitted: 7/20/16

List Attachments: Informational packet

(Attach resolution and all pertinent documentation; i.e. contract, agreement, memorandums, etc.)

Certified resolutions can be obtained at the County Clerk's website:
<http://www.douglascountyclerk.org/county-board-records/search-for-resolutions>

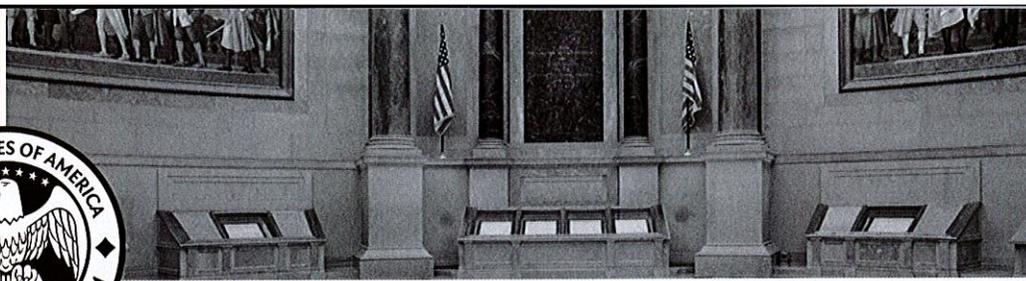
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Received in Administrative Office:

Date

7/20/16

Time



YOUR CHARTERS OF FREEDOM

Education

Access



Community

YOUR CHARTERS OF FREEDOM



OUR MISSION

Our founding fathers penned The Declaration of Independence, The United States Constitution, and The Bill of Rights.

These three documents declare:

1. We are an independent people.
2. We are governed by a democratic republic.
3. We are secure in our freedom and rights as citizens of The United States of America.

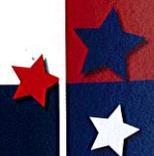
These three documents are known as **Your Charters of Freedom**.

Simply put, Foundation Forward, Inc. is an educational project. It's an organization that builds and gifts **Your Charters of Freedom** Monuments to communities across the country.

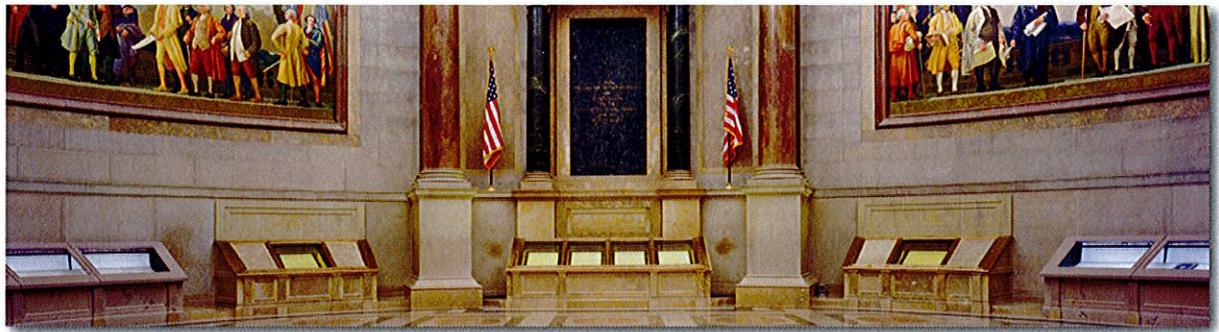
Our Passion is to provide easy Access and Education to these founding documents in a community setting.

Our Vision is to provide this Access and Education to these founding documents in all communities in the United States of America.

Our Goal is to educate and preserve American history.



YOUR CHARTERS OF FREEDOM



OUR STORY

In the fall of 2011, Vance and Mary Jo Patterson were up in Washington, DC for meetings with some members of Congress and various organizations. They had some free time and decided to go to the National Archives because they had never seen The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution. Walking through the large bronze gates, they entered the rotunda. There, on the other side of the room, were the founding documents on display – The Declaration of Independence on the left, four pages of The United States Constitution in the middle, and on the right, the original proposed amendments which contain the Bill of Rights. These three original documents are known as your Charters of Freedom.

When they got the chance, Vance and Mary Jo stepped up to view The Declaration of Independence and began a very emotional experience. Vance recalls, "Seeing something our founding fathers had actually penned, and then their signatures - Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Rutledge and the others - I got goosebumps. And, when I moved over and saw the first page of The Constitution and the words, 'We The People,' I actually got a lump in my throat."

In the spring of 2012, Vance tells how he remembers "sitting with Mary Jo on the Old Courthouse Green in Burke County, NC for a National Day of Prayer meeting, and towards the end of the service the thought came to me, 'what if I could take the experience Mary Jo and I had up in Washington at the National Archives the first time we saw the Charters of Freedom – what if we could bring that experience back to the citizens of Burke County?' I started getting excited about it and after the meeting, I told Mary Jo and we actually walked around picking out possible locations."

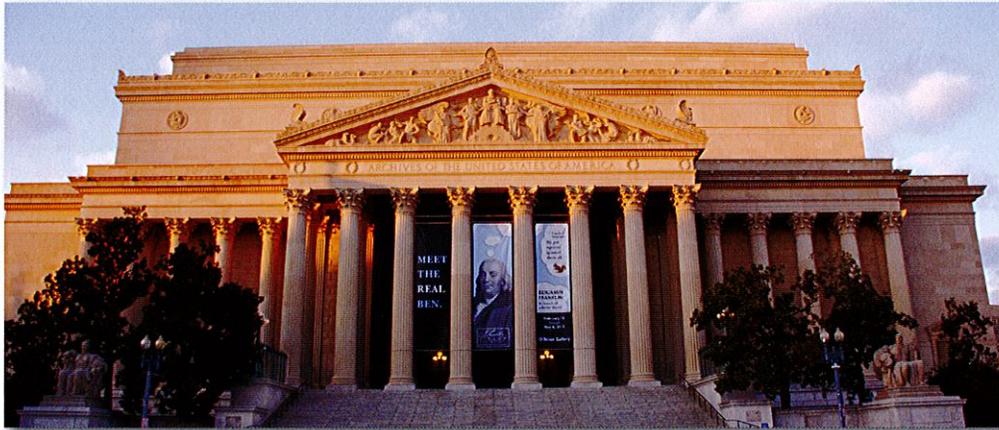
Later that year, Vance began working on a project. It turned out to be an education project: to build a Charters of Freedom Monument on the Old Burke County Courthouse Green. Two years later on July 2, 2014 the first Charters of Freedom Monument outside of Washington, DC was dedicated in downtown Morganton, North Carolina.

This was only the beginning.

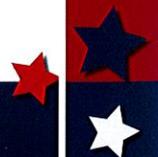
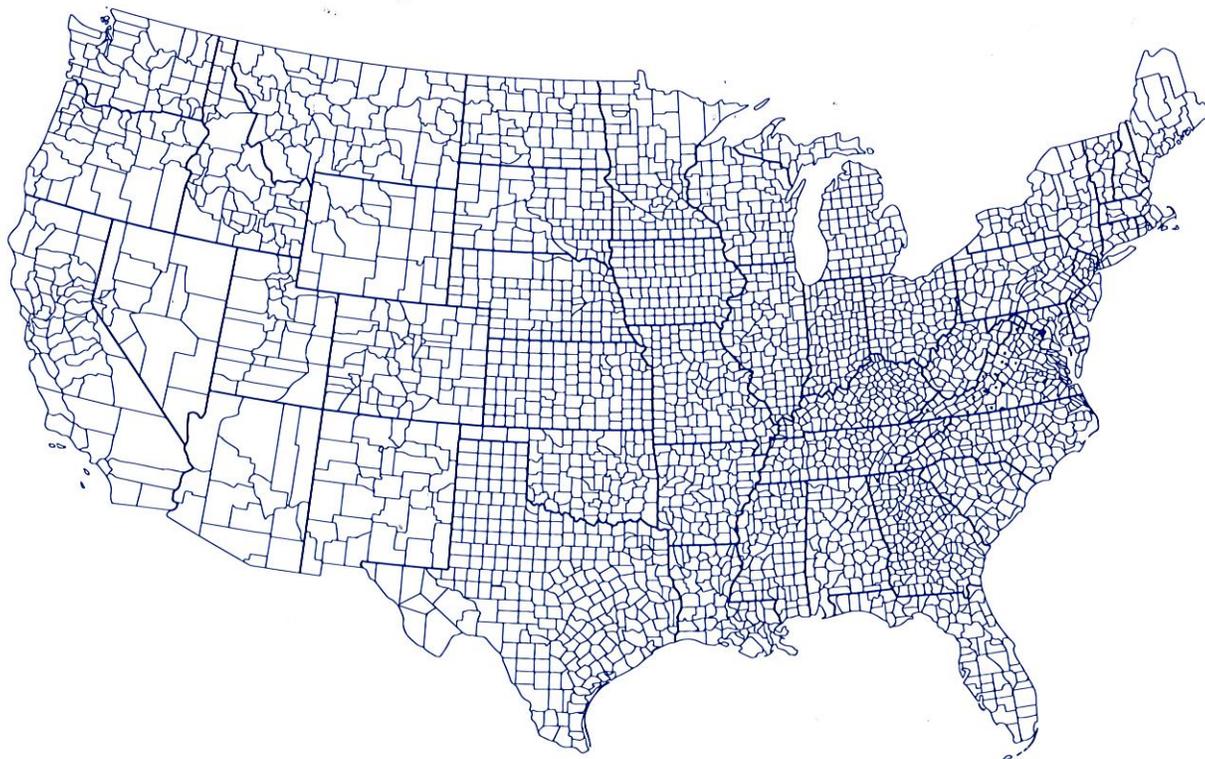


YOUR CHARTERS OF FREEDOM

Founder Vance Patterson states that, "It took me over 60 years to get to The National Archives in Washington, D.C. to see our Founding Documents. Even though it is free and open to the public, there is just so much to see in Washington, all the monuments and museums, that you don't get a chance to get to the National Archives."



The goal of Foundation Forward is to bring these documents to local communities in life size replicas of the monuments in the National Archives. Your Charters of Freedom Monument will be placed in a location central to the community, 24 hour access, with high visibility, high foot traffic, and easy access for school children. They are **built to last 300 to 500 years.**



YOUR CHARTERS OF FREEDOM

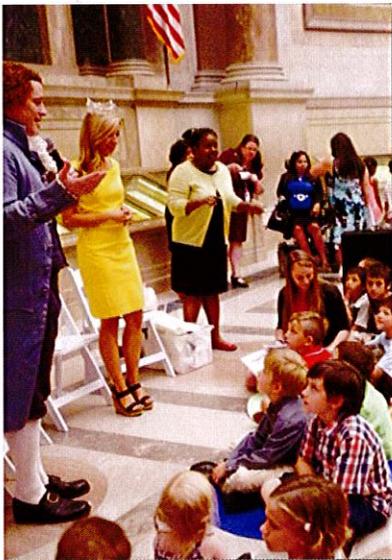
THIS IS AN EDUCATION PROJECT

You would not believe how many people come up to the monuments and say, "That's all there is to our Constitution - just four pages?"

You would not believe how many people do not know that our first ten amendments are Our Bill of Rights!

People do not know that the First Amendment which covers Freedom of Speech, Freedom of The Press, Freedom of Religion, Freedom to Assemble, and Freedom to Petition The Government is only 45 words long!

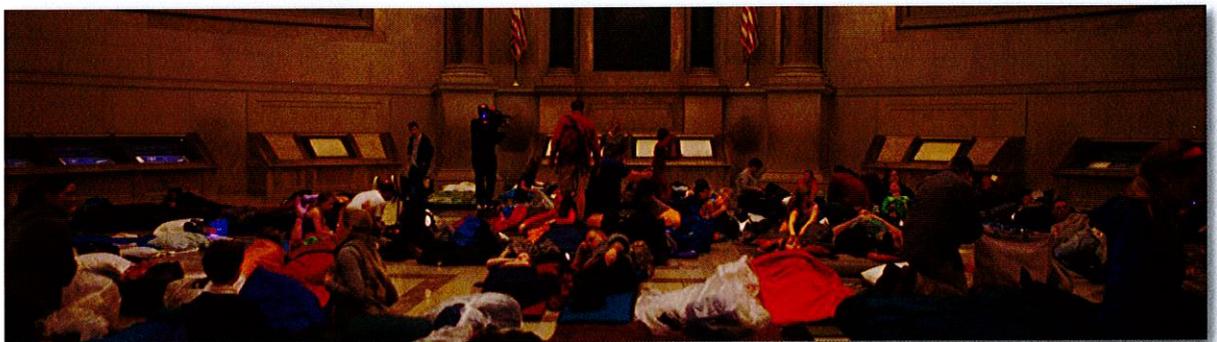
People do not know that the Second Amendment states that the right to raise a militia, and to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed is accomplished 27 words!



Imagine if you will, a school teacher taking her third or fourth grade students on an annual field trip to Your Charters of Freedom Monument. Sitting on the grass in front of The United States Constitution, they are listening to stories about our Founding Fathers and learning some about our Founding Documents. While they are there, they will learn about State and Local history, along with local heroes.

Our hope is that our future leaders will come from communities with their own Charters of Freedom; that they will grow up, not talking about The Constitution and Bill of Rights in Washington, but talking about *Their Constitution* and *Their Bill of*

Rights right in their home community. And, they will know how government is supposed to work to protect and serve *We The People*.



STEPS TO BUILDING YOUR CHARTERS OF FREEDOM IN YOUR COMMUNITY

BUILDING

PHASE ONE - INTRODUCTION, PRESENTATIONS, PLANNING

Step One: Foundation Forward, Inc. will contact your local County Officials and begin the process of introducing the project to your community.

Step Two: Foundation Forward will work with your County Manager or Administrator to add the Presentation to the public agenda of the county governing body.

Step Three: Following the presentation to the governing body general session, Foundation will request that the gift be accepted on behalf of the citizens of the county.

Step Four: Letters of Intent will be exchanged and the project will begin.



PHASE TWO - ADVISORY BOARD

Step One: A Local Advisory Board will be set up to advise on Location and Materials to be used.

Step Two: The Advisory Board will assist in:

1. Community support and awareness
2. Setting up home gatherings for community support
3. Identifying potential individual Angel Donors
4. Identifying potential Corporate Sponsors

Step Three: Funding of the project will begin with a local bank account set up for the funds. No monies donated to the funding of the monument will leave the county until the monument is complete. Residual amounts will be used to develop educational resources for use with your community schools and organizations.



PHASE THREE - CONSTRUCTION

Step One: Site cleared of power lines, water lines, trees and bushes by the County.

Step Two: Foundation Forward, Inc. excavates and pours foundation and core.

Step Three: Foundation Forward sets the rock work - granite, limestone or brick.

Step Four: Foundation Forward sets the documents, vault, glazing and trim.

Step Five: The County finishes with "the apron," landscaping or grass.

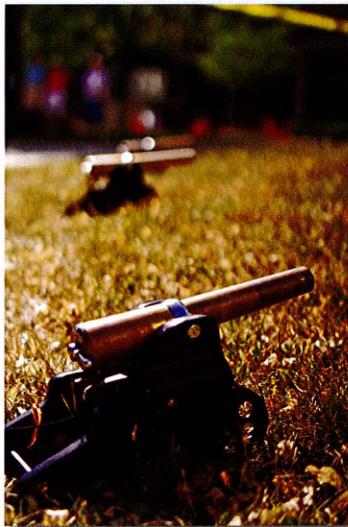


PHASE FOUR - THE DEDICATION

Step One: Foundation Forward offers suggestions and programs from other dedications.

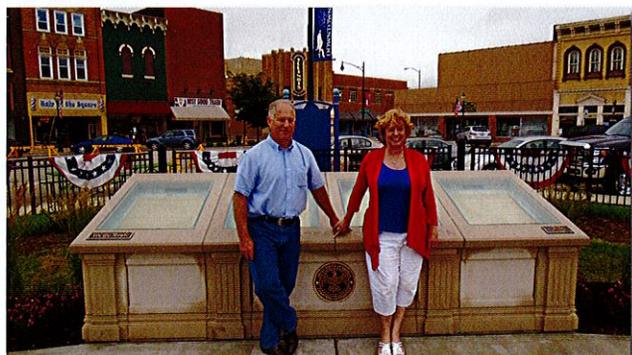
Step Two: Foundation Forward supplies PA System (if needed), Music, Cannon Salute, and Gifting Speech.

Step Three: County supplies Podium, Seating, Small Flags, and Other.



VANCE & MARY JO PATTERSON
Founders

Businessman, Industrial Manufacturer - started 21 companies, two of which made the INC. 500 List for fastest growing companies in the U.S., two-time finalist Entrepreneur of The Year in S.E. Father of four, married 41 years.

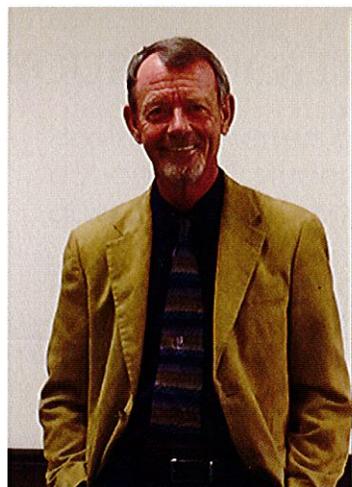


Vance and Mary Jo have personally funded and gifted five Charters of Freedom Monuments to the citizens of Burke, Cherokee, Buncombe Counties in NC, Morgan and Howard Counties in Illinois and Indiana.

PERRY SNIDER

State Director, Military Coordinator

Director of activities in North Carolina, conducting presentations for city and county leaders. After projects are approved, Perry will initiate community support to fund the project. With the funding in place he will coordinate contractors and suppliers to construct the monuments. Perry works with various military organizations such as the VFW, American Legion as well as civic organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.



Command Sergeant Major, US Army (retired), Former Project Manager for Kellogg, Brown & Root and Fluor Daniels with 11 years in both Iraq & Afghanistan. Building and sustaining camps for the US Military.

PAMELA UNRUH

Director of Education Resources and Curriculum

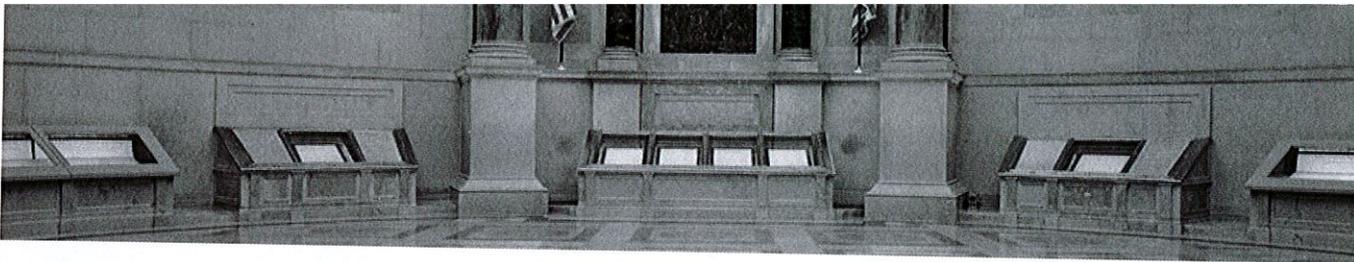
Develop curriculum to be used nationwide as supplemental resource materials for teachers leading school groups to visit their Charters of Freedom Monuments. Begin laying the ground work for future Foundation Education Department to cover Your Charters of Freedom and the history surrounding their writing by our Founding Fathers.



Degrees in English and Education Administration.

Veteran of the United States Air Force.





RON LEWIS

Facilitator, Spokesman, Foundation Treasurer

Initial and Primary Contact for Counties considering a Charters of Freedom Monument in their community. Scheduling of Counties for presentation by Foundation Forward. Speak on behalf of Foundation Forward in the absence of the President. Work with Community Support and outreach programs.

Thirty-one years experience as North Carolina County Manager, Former USMC Communications Platoon Commander, current consultant for Faith Based Disaster Relief Organization. Four Ancestors fought in the American Revolution.



BETH KING

Administrative Coordinator

Scheduling, Follow-up, Correspondence, Posting and Updating Website, Social Media, Corporate Compliance.

President of High Places Consulting, Inc. and Vice President of King Engineering. 25 years experience as Paralegal. Graduate of UNC Chapel Hill with BA Degree in Political Science. Extensive volunteer work with exploited women, including direct counseling and faith based intervention. Native of Burke County, North Carolina.



FOUNDATION FORWARD, INC. AN ORGANIZATION OF WORKS OVER WORDS

COMPLETED PROJECTS



Burke County - Morganton, North Carolina
Dedicated July 2, 2014
Gifted by Vance & Mary Jo Patterson



Morgan County - Jacksonville, Illinois
Dedicated May 30, 2015
Gifted by Vance & Mary Jo Patterson



Cherokee County - Murphy, North Carolina
Dedicated September 17, 2014
Gifted by Vance & Mary Jo Patterson



Buncombe County - Asheville, North Carolina
Dedicated May 25, 2015
Gifted by Vance & Mary Jo Patterson



Howard County - Kokomo, Indiana
Dedicated August 7, 2015
Gifted by Vance & Mary Jo Patterson



YOUR CHARTERS OF FREEDOM

Your Declaration of Independence
Your United States Constitution
Your Bill of Rights



A GIFT FROM
FOUNDATION FORWARD, INC.
AN EDUCATIONAL 501(c)(3)

EDUCATION

Imagine school teachers bringing their 3rd and 4th grade classes on annual field trips to see your founding documents, learn about our state and local government, our Founding Fathers and local heroes.



ACCESS

All families and citizens of your county will now have local access to life-size replicas of our founding documents displayed as they are seen in The National Archives - a very impressive and emotional experience.

COMMUNITY

This is truly a community strengthening experience by allowing future generations to grow up no longer just talking about the Constitution and Bill of Rights in Washington, but talking about their Constitution and their Bill of Rights, right in their home community! These monuments are built to last 500 years.

Bring YOUR CHARTERS OF FREEDOM
to your community and set them in stone!



Burke County
Morganton, North Carolina
Dedicated: July 2, 2014

Buncombe County,
Asheville, NC
Dedicated: May 25, 2015

Cherokee County
Murphy, NC
Dedicated: September 7, 2015

Morgan County,
Jacksonville, IL
Dedicated: May 30, 2015

Howard County
Kokomo, Indiana
Dedicated: August 7, 2015



Visit our website to see more Approved Site Locations!

THE STORY

The first time my wife and I saw the original founding documents, something our Founding Fathers had actually penned, when seeing their signatures, I got goose bumps. When I looked at the first page of The Constitution and saw the words "We the People," I got a lump in my throat. We were both so moved we decided to build and gift a Charters of Freedom Monument to our home community of Burke County, North Carolina. It was dedicated July 2, 2014. Since then we have gifted four more monuments to communities in NC, IN, and IL at a cost of \$70,000 - \$75,000 each. Now, YOU have a chance to work with us to bring Your Charters of Freedom Monument to your community.



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