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**Main Street Wadsworth Surpasses Goal for National Register Of Historic Places Thanks To
Community and Fundraising Challenge From Anonymous Donor**

Main Street Wadsworth proudly announces that it has met its fundraising goal early for its National Register of Historic Places nomination.

In September, an anonymous donor awarded Main Street Wadsworth \$5,000 through the Akron Community Foundation and its Center for Family Philanthropy for inclusion in the National Register. The donor offered to double their support, for a total of \$10,000, by challenging the Wadsworth community to raise \$10,000 in just two over two weeks. . Thanks to a showing of incredible support by individuals and businesses in Wadsworth (and beyond!), this goal has been met several days early.

Main Street Wadsworth wishes to thank all of its generous donors, who will be listed on their website (www.mainstreetwadsworth.org), social media, newsletter, and annual report.

Main Street Wadsworth will use the funds to retain a historic preservation consultant to document the downtown district. The consultant will showcase the unique history, setting, and architecture of downtown Wadsworth and identify how its creation and evolution has impacted our shared history and culture. Once achieved, being listed as a National Register Historic District will provide recognition for these contributions, instigating community pride, stimulating economic vitality, and serving as a guide for the future of the downtown.

“Being included in the National Register of Historic Places is an honor Wadsworth will always be proud of” stated Board Member Jason Sanders, who leads Main Street Wadsworth’s fundraising efforts as Chair of the Organization Committee. “This support from the community demonstrates why we are a destination unmatched!”

The State of Ohio approved Wadsworth for the first step, which determines whether a building or district qualifies for a formal nomination. The nomination is the next step to receive the honor, which can open the door to Tax Credits and grants to incentivize preservation of downtown Wadsworth’s buildings.

According to the government website, “[t]he National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation” and “is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, & protect America's historic and archeological resources” (nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm).