



Business Memberships

General Support

Just like our individual memberships, **Business Memberships** are the easiest way to support the Museum. All of our Business Memberships offer a variety of benefits for your business employees and customers! The money raised through Business Memberships supports a wide array of tangible expenses, from internships to exhibit development, and innovative programming to utilities. Business Memberships allow us to be at the forefront of the Museum field, and ensure that we remain relevant in a rapidly progressing world.

We have three different tiers of Business Memberships. Each tier recognizes a step in the development of the Wickwire business. Although each tier has specific benefits attached, we are more interested in cultivating mutually beneficial partnerships. We welcome the opportunity to develop a Business Membership package that caters to your specific needs – don't hesitate to set up a discussion with the staff at the 1890 House!

The Grocery Store - \$250

Our entry level Business Membership honors the humble origins of the Wickwire's business. Chester, in partnership with his father Raymond, opened the Main Street Grocery in 1865. At the Grocery Store Membership Level, you receive:

- 1 total hour of free venue rental (museum only) – Make yourself at home in our historic house. Whether you want to host a customer reception, or an employee appreciation happy hour, we are here to facilitate a “wow-them” event surrounded by the grandeur of the gilded age.
- 10 Guest Passes – Museum guest passes are an excellent way to show appreciation to your employees, volunteers, and customers. Spreading our guest passes also helps the Museum share our story with a wider audience. It's a win-win situation!
- Acknowledgement/Advertising in our monthly E-Newsletter – Your support is important to us, and we want to help support your business. With your sponsorship, we will recognize you in our monthly E-newsletter. Depending on your personal preference, we can run a section recognizing your contribution to the museum, or position your advertisement within our newsletter.



The Hardware Store - \$500

Our intermediate level of support honors a pivotal point in the Wickwire business development. Chester shifted to producing basic wire goods with his invention; the Hardware Store provided the foundation for future business development and growth. At the Hardware Store Membership Level, you receive:

- 2 total hours of free venue rental (includes museum and grounds) – You have access to the entire Museum, and the grounds around the building. Perfect during the summer months!
- 20 Guest Passes – More opportunities to reward your customers and employees! Give us a heads up before they come, and we will make sure to give everyone associated with your business the VIP treatment.
- Acknowledgement/Advertising in E-newsletter and Website – in addition to featuring your business on our Monthly newsletter, the 1890 House website will host a business spotlight in recognition of your generous support!

The Factory - \$1000

Finally! Chester achieved significant commercial success, all grounded on his mechanical innovation. The Wickwire Factory had a huge impact on the City and County of Cortland, and shaped our community for years to come. Your business sponsorship at the *Factory* Membership Level will have similar impact for the 1890 House Museum. At the Factory Membership Level, you receive:

- 3 total hours of free venue rental (includes museum, grounds, and carriage house) – We'll pull out all the stops for your event. Valued at a minimum of \$1100, your event is guaranteed to impress!
- 10% Discount for all business employees and customers on Museum memberships, gift shop items, and events – We want your family is our family. As part of our sincere gratitude, we want to extend our discount to those you care about!
- Wickwire Acknowledgement Plaque – Aluminum and Wood plaque cast and built right here at the 1890 House! In addition to the previous membership levels of acknowledgement/advertising, we hope you'll prominently show off your award!