



VANDALIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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Associated Builders and Contractors, West Virginia Chapter
1205 Quarrier Street, Suite 108
Charleston, WV 25301

To Whom It May Concern:

The Vandalia Heritage Foundation is pleased to offer a letter of support on behalf of Jarrett Construction for the West Virginia Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors 2005 Excellence in Construction Awards. Their application for interior work completed at the High Gate Carriage House is certainly worthy of great consideration and merit.

Vandalia has sought the services of Jarrett Construction for several of its properties since its inception in 1998. Our organization has been extremely satisfied with the high quality work the firm consistently produces. During their work on our headquarters (for which they received an Excellence in Construction Award in 2004), Jarrett Construction demonstrated their ability to deliver excellent craftsmanship in a timely and efficient manner.

Our organization received the opportunity to work with the firm once again in the restoration and renovation of the historic High Gate Carriage House, located in the Fleming-Watson Historic District in Fairmont, West Virginia. Formerly a property of one of Fairmont's prominent coal families, the High Gate Carriage House now serves as the headquarters of the Vandalia Redevelopment Corporation, a sister company of the Vandalia Heritage Foundation, in addition to housing a number of community events and activities.

The majority of the renovation effort for the High Gate Carriage House pertained to the modernization of the facility's infrastructure. Earlier efforts to restore the Carriage House compromised a large number of its historic features. Wiring, plumbing and refinishing of floor and wall surfaces were coupled with the addition of period lighting to make the former horse stables compatible with 21st Century functioning. Changes to the existing floor plan, including the conversion of space into a conference room and work area with high-speed technology, completed renovation efforts for the facility. The result: a successful treatment of one of northern West Virginia's finest heritage treasures.

I hope that you will consider Jarrett Construction for an Excellence in Construction Award for their interior work on the High Gate Carriage House. They truly exemplify excellence in building and construction.

Sincerely,

Laura Kurtz Kuhns
Executive Director