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## **Report to the Members—2024 Activity of The St. Vrain Mill Preservation and Historical Foundation**

**Introduction:** This report to you, our members, provides an accounting of the Foundation’s activities in 2024, and outlines our anticipated activities for 2025.

### **Activity in 2024:**

*Events:* Building on the Las Vegas Citizens Committee for Historic Preservation (CCHP) Places of the Past Tour in 2023, we partnered with the La Cueva Mill and the Cleveland Roller Mill to replicate the “Valley of the Mills” event. However, this time it was strictly a Mora event; CCHP was not involved. The 2024 “Valley of the Mills” tour was held on Saturday Labor Day weekend. While we didn’t have the number of visitors as last year, it was a worthwhile event and will be repeated this year.

*Fundraising:* Our fundraising consisted of dues and member contributions, no grants. We did get a FEMA smoke damage award as a result of the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak fire of April/May of 2023.

*Restoration:* No significant restoration work was done as we were trying to conserve cash for the upcoming wall repair. Our structural engineer completed the wall repair construction documents last summer. We subsequently contracted with an architect/bid management firm (Lloyd and Associates, Santa Fe) to prepare the bid documents and assist in identifying and selecting the eventual contractor.

### **Anticipated Activity in 2025:**

*Events:* We will again be part of the “Valley of the Mills” tour. This time it will be for two days, Labor Day Saturday and Sunday. If there is no interference from possible wall repair work, we will try to have the Mill open weekends through the summer.

In October 2025 the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division will host an historic preservation conference at Highlands University in nearby Las Vegas, NM. We have offered to host a visit to the St. Vrain Mill if they want. We also propose to make a presentation to the conference telling of our experience in the Mill’s restoration.

*Restoration:* We hope to have a contractor selected for the wall repair by late spring and, with luck, the work will be performed over the summer. Actual work will be dependent on the bids received and our funds on hand. While we think we have enough funds to do the complete job, we won't know until the bids come in. Obviously, it would be most cost effective to repair both walls at the same time, but it may be necessary to repair one wall at a time.

**Financial Overview:** The Foundation took in approximately \$126,403 members' dues and donations in 2024. This year will be the last of multi-year pledge payments committed to in 2016 to cover the loan for the foundation stabilization.

Total expenses for 2024 were \$18,800. \$15,000 was for loan payoff from a loan taken out in 2016 to cover the foundation stabilization project.

We are keeping our checking and savings account (construction reserve) balance confidential so as to not reveal to potential contractors what we might be able to pay for the wall repair.

**Certifications:** The Foundation continues to meet all the requirements as a 501(c) (3) federal non-profit organization. We also are current regarding documentation required of charitable organizations by the NM Department of State and the NM Attorney General's Office.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
The St. Vrain Mill Foundation Board of Directors