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## City of Deadwood

Attention: Kevin Kuchenbecker  
Historic Preservation Officer  
102 Sherman St.  
Deadwood, SD 57732

Hello, Kevin:

The 31st annual gathering of the West River History Conference (WRHC) is set for October 5-6, 2023, in historic Lead, South Dakota. We're celebrating 31 years and...

### ***You Write History!***

The **City of Deadwood Historic Preservation** is an important previous year supporter. Your donation assisted in underwriting technology and equipment needs in response to 21<sup>st</sup> century requirements for digital presentation and archival recording, a critical aspect of the conference. And supported the KIDS WRITE HISTORY! Project for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout western South Dakota.

WRHC encourages historic preservation through:

\**Original Research* – presenting an academic forum annually for researchers at all levels of education, age, and ethnicity.

\* *Education* – accessibility to learning that enhances knowledge of the area's early beginnings.

\* *Voice* - encourage preservation and advocacy of the region's history, cultural mores and family experiences.

\**Modern Access*- digital technology 1993-present  
*Collected Papers* archives project.

Please find this letter as a request for support of \$500 to encourage continued regional historic research, preservation, and development for historians in our region.

In 2022, WRHC enjoyed a rich variety of like-minded sponsors: South Dakota Historical Society Press, Center for Western Studies at Augustana University, South Dakota Humanities Council, High Plains Western Heritage Center, Westerners-Black Hills Corral #8, and many other organizations like yours.

Thank you for your consideration of this request!

Respectfully,

**Laura Hovey Neubert**