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Wheeling Heritage Accepting Show of Hands Applications

WHEELING, W.Va. – May 23, 2022 – If you have an idea for a new business, a business expansion, or a project that will impact Wheeling, you are encouraged to apply for Wheeling Heritage’s Show of Hands. The winner will leave the event with more than \$4,000 to put towards his or her idea.

Applications are due May 29 and can be completed at wheelingheritage.org/show-of-hands. A committee will review applications, and four will be chosen to move on to the presentation round.

At the event, four presenters explain their ideas to community members in attendance. Attendees vote on their favorite, and the presenter who receives the most votes receives \$4,000, plus door donations, to put towards the project. To date, Show of Hands has given more than \$93,000 to 26 projects.

The next Show of Hands event is scheduled for June 29 at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the Artisan Center, located at 1400 Main Street in Wheeling. Attendees pay \$5 at the door, which is added to the winner’s prize.

The latest Show of Hands winner, DeSean James, took home \$4,470 to expand his landscaping businesses by purchasing additional equipment. In an interview with Wheeling Heritage, James stated that Show of Hands “is a really, really big way to get your small business out in the city of Wheeling.” Wheeling Heritage is excited to continue to support small, local businesses through Show of Hands.

Orrick, the program’s corporate sponsor, donates \$1,000 for each event. The Friends of Show of Hands, which consists of community members and business owners, contribute \$250 to each event. Friends of Show of Hands include Dave & Beth Weaver of Wheeling Volkswagen & Subaru, Dr. and Mrs. Dan Joseph of Joseph Orthodontics, Brian Joseph of Touchstone Research Laboratory, Fuzz and Barb LaRue, H Lawrence Jones, Ed.D., Kennen & Kennen Realtors, Warwood Armature, Rabbi Joshua Lief and Rebecca Lief, Sikora Montessori, and Will and Tracey Turani.

About Wheeling Heritage

[Wheeling Heritage](http://WheelingHeritage.org) is a catalyst for the revitalization of Wheeling. Through historic preservation, community development, and the arts, we help to tell Wheeling’s story and shape its future. We seek to improve the quality of life in Wheeling by preserving and investing in our city, collaborating with others, and engaging the citizens of Wheeling in our work.