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HANDS INVITES COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN BOSTON STORE CLOCK RESTORATION

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Housing and Neighborhood Development Service (HANDS) is inviting the community to participate in the restoration of the Boston Store clocks through a donation to HANDS on Erie Gives Day on August 13th. HANDS, a developer and manager of housing opportunities in Northwest PA, purchased the Boston Store building in April and will be dedicating donations received through this annual community day of giving to benefit the historic clocks – both the tower and the lobby clock that inspires the “meet me under the clock” phrase.

“Even though we’ve secured the main funding to get the clocks up and running, there is still more work that needs to be done. We are appealing to the community to help with the restoration of the iconic clocks,” says CEO Matthew Good.

The Boston Store clocks stopped working for the last time many years ago, and are now all displaying different times. According to Good, “the clocks are significant to people. Having the clocks functioning would be a sign of the new interest in downtown. It’s a real symbol, a powerful symbol, and we plan to focus on it. We need the people of our community to back this project so we can see it through to completion.”

Work began on the clocks this week. Mid Coast Clock, a Titusville based company, has begun the needed repairs to get the clocks lit and operational again. HANDS hopes to have the clocks working by the holiday season. Planned improvements include new LED lighting.

Erie Gives began in 2011 in honor of The Erie Community Foundation’s 75th Anniversary. Erie Gives 2019 will take place on August 13, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. During this 12-hour period of online giving, a portion of the prorated match pool will be added to each donation. Donations can be made online at www.eriegives.org/, or checks can be mailed to the Erie Community Foundation with a form found on their website by Monday, August 9th.

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