

The Butler Institute of American Art

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Dear Friend of the Butler,

My doctor likes to remind me that I'm getting older and to expect some arthritis and a few other physical challenges along the way. We never like to hear it but we certainly expect that at some point our knee joints are going to cause us pain. I use that analogy to share the news that was recently presented to me by the engineers who service the Butler Institute's humidity and temperature control system. In their words, our boiler and our chiller (the machine which cools and dehumidifies the air) are heading toward "systems failure" in the not too distant future. Despite the engineer's regular maintenance and parts replacement, the 40 year old equipment is nearing the breaking point. As you can imagine, the replacement of such critical equipment is extremely costly but clearly we have no choice in the matter.

The Butler's collection of American art masterpieces will be at great risk since their security depends upon an environment in which the temperature is maintained at 68 degrees Fahrenheit and the humidity at 50%. Given the unpredictable nature of our climate in Northeastern Ohio, we cannot risk the potential damage to these American cultural treasures which are in our care.

We are hopeful that you will consider making a donation of any size toward this most important project. I wish that we did not need to ask for your help toward a project that cannot be seen. But I think we all realize how very important the replacement of this aging equipment is to the future health of our great collection of art. Please help us if you can. Your gift will certainly make a critical difference.

Sincerely,

Louis Zona
Director

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