

A First for New Hampshire

"We are a people. A people do not throw their geniuses away. And if they are thrown away, it is our duty as artists and as witnesses for the future to collect them again for the sake of our children, and if necessary, bone by bone."

Alice Walker



Face Detail for the Harriet Wilson Memorial by Fern Cunningham

Dear Friends:

From time immemorial, civilizations, nations, and towns have preserved their history through public art. These memorials, symbolic representation of an official history, often commemorate and validate men and women for their historic deeds. However, it is not unusual for an important historical figure to go unheralded or to slip from our collective memory. And so it has been for Harriet E. Wilson until now.

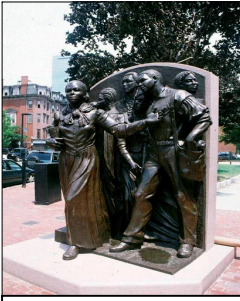
The Board of Selectmen in Wilson's native town of Milford, New Hampshire has approved Bicentennial Park as the permanent site for the Harriet Wilson Memorial. Once complete, this memorial will not only educate our citizens on Wilson's importance to American literature and history, but it will be the first in the State of New Hampshire to honor a person of color and give visual testimony to a black history in our state.

We have commissioned Fern Cunningham, renowned sculptor and creator of the Harriet Tubman Memorial in Boston, to create an original work commemorating Wilson's life. The memorial will consist of a life-size bronze statue of Wilson holding her novel—an open book— in one hand and clasping the hand of her son George in the other.

In order to accomplish this vital aspect of community life, the Harriet Wilson Project is asking for your support. To date, we have raised \$50,000 of the \$112,000 needed to complete the monument and renovate the park. Please consider making a gift toward the creation and installation of the *Harriet Wilson Memorial*. Your contribution to this valuable — and permanent — public cultural resource will forever link your name with a woman of courage, determination and outstanding achievement who has left her imprint on history.

Thank you

The Board of the Harriet Wilson Project.



The Harriet Tubman Memorial, Boston, MA

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The Harriet E. Wilson Memorial Sculpture Fund

Commitment Levels



The Harriet E. Wilson Memorial, Milford, NH

TRAILBLAZER LEVEL: \$15,000 or more _____

Donor's logo and name will permanently be recorded

- ◇ on a bronze sign at the base of the monument in Bicentennial Park
- ◇ in the publication of essays entitled, *Harriet Wilson's New England*
- ◇ in media and marketing materials and on our Website
- ◇ in a framed document to be displayed at the Milford Historical Society
- ◇ in the unveiling event program booklet

VISIONARY LEVEL: \$5,000 or more _____

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- ◇ on our Website

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OTHER: _____

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- ◇ on our website

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to diversity.

Our Charitable Commitment:

I/ We are pleased to make a tax-deductible gift of \$ _____ to The Harriet Wilson Memorial Sculpture Fund:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

The Harriet Wilson Project, offers you our sincere thanks for your generosity in supporting the creation of a memorial statue to honor author, Harriet E. Wilson. We are pleased to announce that with your help, we have raised \$ 52,000 of the \$ 112,000 budgeted for the completion of the monument and park to date,

We would also like to acknowledge The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for their wholeheartedly support and for their significant financial contribution to this project by creating a new category, the Trailblazer, in their honor.

A special thanks to the Milford Historical Society, The Center for New England Culture, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Milford, The First Congregational Church of Milford, Matt Debenham of PBS and the Pelances for their continued support.

Trailblazer: \$ 15, 000 or more

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