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Dear Glenwood Members and Friends:

Glenwood, established in 1871 as a rural garden cemetery, consists of 88 acres of a beautiful assortment of trees, flowers, shrubbery, manicured lawns and historic statuary.

In 1999, the Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation (GCHPF) was established to raise funds to protect, preserve and enhance the beauty and the historic integrity of Glenwood Cemetery through projects beyond the scope of day-to-day maintenance and operation. GCHPF works to raise the needed funds to cover special projects such as erosion control and other important programs which include tree and landscape improvements, and the repair and restoration of historic monuments.

The featured photograph in this issue, pictured to the left, is the Sutton Family Mausoleum completed in 2017 and located in Section 3 “Oakdale Ridge” of Glenwood. The Sutton Family Mausoleum joins the (“O’Neil”-1907), the (“Henke”-1909), the (“Zapp”-1924) and the (“Myers”-2001) Family Mausoleums as examples of large, stately and impressive free standing architecture in Glenwood. The Sutton Family Mausoleum is a (9) nine crypt walk-in mausoleum with a niche bank for cremation urns. The building was fabricated in Elberton, Georgia by Eagle Granite Company. The material used for the building is Eagle’s Millstone Granite from their quarry located in Ogelthorpe, Georgia. The mausoleum has a steeled finish on the exterior and interior that features highly detailed molding work on the exterior top courses and features a classical “bank” style roof with (3) three wings coming off the sides and back to accommodate a full (9) nine crypt building. Additionally, the exterior has (4) four columns of which (2) two are round turned, a bronze door and several stain glass windows. Because of the weight that was in excess of 100,000 pounds, the mausoleum had to be built on-site at Glenwood. Glenwood Cemetery was the general contractor on this project, which is a first for Glenwood in this category of construction.

We continue in our efforts to preserve and protect the valuable resources under our stewardship. Our commitment is both strong and on-going, through projects as described above.

Please consider a contribution to the Foundation for any of these purposes. We pledge to utilize your gifts in a responsible manner in keeping with the intended purpose.

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Founded in 1871, Glenwood Cemetery is in its 147th year of operation. Preserving and protecting this historical gem has become more important than ever to the greater Houston Community.

Following the completion of the master plan, the Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation identified several long term capital improvement projects to protect and restore Houston’s unique and silent garden.

With your help, the Foundation will complete its erosion control work, repair the entrance bridge, restore monuments, set aside green space and preserve Glenwood’s oldest and most beautiful trees as well as its historic landscape elements.
Having served six generations of Houstonians, Glenwood remains an active, operating cemetery with attractive lots available for sale in all sections of the cemetery.

In remarks at the June 1890 annual meeting, an early President spoke of the cemetery as “a consecrated spot where the vast calmness and quietude that fills the air shall soothe with softening influences the bereaved spirit; a rural retreat where the living can lay their dead away in scarcity to rest awhile in the full assurance of hope, a garden of graves, where the beautiful forms of nature, vying with the more stately mementos of art, shall attract attention, enliven hope and strengthen the faith of the desolate and sorrowing heart.”
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