



Dear Canton Business or Organization,

Join Us in Celebrating Canton's Bicentennial!

We are excited to announce that Canton is on the brink of a momentous milestone - our Bicentennial Celebration is just around the corner! As part of the Bicentennial Committee, we are reaching out to you today to seek your support and involvement in making this historic event truly unforgettable.

In June of 2025, our great city will commemorate 200 years of history, progress, and community. Two centuries of growth, resilience, and cultural diversity have shaped Canton into the vibrant and thriving place it is today. To honor this significant occasion, we have planned a series of events and activities from June 20 - 29, 2025 that will not only showcase our rich heritage but also bring our community together in a spirit of unity and celebration.

However, organizing such a momentous occasion comes with its fair share of challenges, including securing the necessary funding to ensure its success. We believe that celebrating our bicentennial is an opportunity to reinforce our sense of community and pride in our city's history, and we invite you to join us in this endeavor.

There are couple of ways you can contribute to the success of the Canton Bicentennial Celebration:

**Financial Contribution:** Your generous financial contributions will go a long way in covering the costs of event planning, historical exhibits, entertainment, and ensuring that the celebrations are accessible to all members of our community. See attached support levels and the benefits of each.

**Sponsorship:** We welcome local businesses and organizations to become sponsors of the Canton Bicentennial Celebration. In return, we offer valuable promotional opportunities and recognition to showcase your commitment to our city's history. As these opportunities arise, we will reach out to you to ask for your sponsorship.

**Partnership:** We welcome businesses and organizations to host their own event during the celebration week. Whether it is a special gathering celebrating our bicentennial or a special sale at your business, let us know what you are planning so we can promote it with our other happenings.

We genuinely believe that with your involvement, Canton's Bicentennial Celebration will be an extraordinary experience that will be remembered for generations to come.

To discuss how you can contribute or to learn more about our bicentennial celebration, please do not hesitate to contact our committee at 309-647-2677 or by email at [cantonilbicentennial2025@gmail.com](mailto:cantonilbicentennial2025@gmail.com).

Thank you for considering our request, and we hope to have the honor of your support as we come together to commemorate our city's remarkable journey over the past two centuries. Please make your check payable to Canton Bicentennial 2025 and send it to Canton Area Chamber of Commerce, 48 N. Main St., Canton, IL 61520.

Sincerely,

The Canton Bicentennial Committee  
Mike Walters, President