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**From the HHF Board Chairman,
Ginger Fail:**

Very special thanks to the ad hoc committee appointed in December, 1990 to "save the 'Coca Cola' House." Members were Lynn and Harvie Jones, Ralph Allen, Nancy and Richard VanValkenburgh, Bill Munson, and Roger Nicholson. On three days' notice during the week before Christmas, the committee sprang into action to meet and tour the house; then they worked hard into late evening hours to draw up proposals and handle publicity — meeting all deadlines set by Mr. Bob Wilkinson of Coca Cola (Big Spring Properties). We appreciate Harvie Jones for working more overtime hours to draw alternate architectural plans for Mr. Wilkinson's perusal. Thanks also to VanValkenburgh and Wilkinson Properties for providing office space for our meetings. Because of the dedication of these Foundation members, the Humphreys-Rodgers House has been saved! We are also indebted to the Mayor, City Council, and Constitution Hall Village Park Staff/Board for giving "our" house a new owner and new address! Watch the newspapers and television for news on the exciting moving date and joint fundraiser between HHF and Constitution Hall Village Park coming in the Spring.

The past couple of months have held A LOT of excitement for the Foundation. Besides realizing the fulfilling house-conservation effort, we were notified by the Alabama Historical Commission that we are being awarded a \$1,000 grand for the purpose of surveying the historical Dallas Mill Village area. A million thanks to Roger Nicholson, Bill Munson, Harvie and Lynn Jones, Linda Allen, and Pat Ryan for all the research and other work involved with the grant application.

Watch out. Here we come again! The wheels have started to roll as we try to preserve the oldest freight depot in continuous operation in the United States. Thanks again to Harvie Jones for initiating this effort.

Do you feel stimulated by YOUR Foundation? This truly is an exciting, very worthwhile organization, always working to improve our community. On two different occasions recently, I received telephone calls from civic leaders in other cities with questions as to "how does your city of Huntsville DO all its preservation and conservation?!" Indeed, we, the Foundation members, have a right to be proud of our endeavors — at the same time realizing that there is a lot left to do!