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Children of American Revolution donate to Kettle Creek battlefield



KCBA Chairman Joseph B. Harris (left) and N. Walker Chewning present a certificate of

The president of the Georgia Society of the Children of the American Revolution recently made the very first contribution of money needed to expand the Kettle Creek Battlefield.

“Working for more than a year selling pins, caps, and other items, President Lily Garnett overreached the goal for her term as president during her senior year in high school,” Kettle Creek Battlefield Association President Walker Chewning said after he accepted her check for \$6,322.31 at a reception held in her honor last week.

appreciation to Lily E. Garnett of the Children of the American Revolution.

Garnett, who was the 2012-2013 Georgia State Society CAR president and now honorary president of the Georgia State Society CAR and the treasurer of the National Society of the CAR, named her project

“Finishing the Fight.” She was accompanied by family members, including her parents Chuck and Amanda Garrett. Amanda Garrett is the 2012-2014 Georgia State Society CAR senior president.

Though other funds have been pledged, Chewning said the CAR support was the first actual donation in a fund drive, which includes the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution and KCBA, to raise \$200,000 by a November deadline. Chewning presented Garnett with a certificate of appreciation, and Chairman of the KCBA Board of Directors Joe Harris challenged the Georgia DAR chapters to exceed the historic CAR contribution to the effort.

Chewning said that expanding the battlefield would impact the local economy. “The funds would be used to purchase a historic and archeologically proven parcel critical to preservation of a site projected by the master plan as the highest priority,” he said. “Fully developed comparable Revolutionary War sites such as Ninety-Six National Historic Site bring more than \$3 million per year in tourism dollars,” he said, “add 50 jobs to the small town and contribute over \$150,000 per year in state taxes.” The parcel proposed for purchase is now owned by Plum Creek Timberlands.

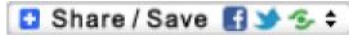
“History is a topic that I’m very passionate about, and in a state like Georgia, with such a beautiful, rich history, it is definitely an area that needs to be focused on,” Garnett said at the reception. “I believe that it is vital that the American people continue making history a priority, so that our story can keep being told. If it isn’t, we lose sight of what we stand for as a nation. Patriotism, valor, honor, integrity, perseverance, freedom, all of which our colonial patriots, men, women, and many young people like myself, fought for at Kettle Creek.”

Not only did the Georgia State Society of the Children of the American Revolution raise over \$6,000, she said, “but we also made a huge effort in awareness. We have gotten the name out about the Battle of Kettle Creek, pushing to make sure its story keeps being told.”

Joining Garnett and her family at the reception were: Joseph Harris, N. Walker Chewning, Jo An Chewning, Jane Owen, Thomas Owen, J. David Chesnut, Linda Chesnut, David Jenkins, Lou Ricciuti, Larry Wilson, Darla Wilson, Charles Heard, Betty Slaton, C. Carol

Cartledge, George Thurmond, Anne Floyd, David Toburen, Debra Denard, Cathy Armour, and James E. Stallings, President, Georgia State Society.

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