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## **Peerless Rockville Awarded \$24,000 Capital Project Grant**

Rockville, MD—Peerless Rockville is proud to announce that the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) and Maryland Department of Planning have just awarded **\$24,000** from their Capital Grant Program to fund Peerless' effort to replace the tin roof of the Montrose Schoolhouse – just in time to help celebrate the school's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

The school, located at 5721 Randolph Road, has stood since 1909 and held classes for over 60 years. Peerless has worked tirelessly to preserve the school since 1977, and with the help and contributions of the community the once dilapidated building has now been renovated and restored. However, the original 1909 patterned tin roof has reached the end of its functional life and must be replaced in order to prevent water damage to the structure. With these grant funds, Peerless is now able to install a new metal roof matching the original.

“With the receipt of this MHT Capital Grant we can help preserve this important piece of Rockville’s history,” says Mary van Balgooy, Executive Director of Peerless Rockville. “This is an exciting opportunity to help ensure that Montrose Schoolhouse and the history it embodies will continue enrich our community for decades to come.”

The Maryland Historical Trust’s Grant Program awards over \$1,000,000 annually to non-profit organizations, local communities and individuals to “encourage a wide range of heritage resource activities.” Each MHT Capital Grant award is contingent upon the contribution of matching funds from the winning organization and the donation of a perpetual preservation easement to the Trust, a document which offers strong legal protection for historically significant sites.

**Peerless Rockville** is an award-winning nonprofit, community-based organization founded in 1974 to preserve buildings, objects and information important to Rockville’s heritage. Peerless Rockville advances its goals through education, example, advocacy, and community involvement. For **more information** on Peerless Rockville, please call **301-762-0096** or visit **www.peerlessrockville.org**.