

## FRANKLIN'S CHARGE, INC.

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April 17, 2008

Robert Hodge  
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Dear Mr. Hodge,

We are grateful to you for your generous support of the efforts of Franklin's Charge to preserve Civil War battlefield land in Williamson County, Tennessee. You have provided valuable help in the past, and now we are delighted to learn that Franklin's Charge, Inc. will receive 30% of the funds generated by the re-enactors attending your preservation event in Loudoun County, Virginia, November 1 - 2, 2008. The funds will come through the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT).

Franklin's Charge, Inc. was the pivotal force in our public-private partnership to reclaim land on the Eastern Flank of the Battlefield at Franklin. This reclamation is the largest of its kind in America.

The property is where William Loring's Division of Southerners charged into entrenched Federal forces.

Franklin's Charge, Inc., with its various partners, the CWPT, and the City of Franklin, caused the property, which had been a golf course and was on its way to becoming a 91 home development, to become a public civil war battlefield park. Had the development been successful it would have partially surrounded the cemetery of the 1,472 Confederate dead from the 5-hour Battle of Franklin.

Franklin's Charge, Inc. is a §501(c)(3) organization. It represents the first time that all local preservation organizations have combined behind a single effort. It includes representatives from the African-American Heritage Society, Carter House, Inc., Civil War Preservation Trust, Harpeth River Watershed Association, Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, Historic Carrton, Inc., The Land Trust for Tennessee, Inc., Save the Franklin Battlefield, Williamson County-Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

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In the process of securing this land, we incurred debt, and we continue to collect pledges. We have successfully paid our debt. However, we are currently raising funds for our next endeavors which further our mission to "preserve Civil War battlefield land in Williamson County, Tennessee". The funds raised from the upcoming re-enactor preservation march will go directly toward promoting our mission.

Rob, we are excited about the future of Franklin's Charge, Inc. and our partnerships with folks like you. We have some great potential projects in the works right now and are very grateful for your ongoing support.

We at Franklin's Charge, Inc. appreciate the help of the re-enactor community in raising these desperately needed funds and making people aware of the condition of this, and many other, Civil War battlefields.

Sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN'S CHARGE, INC.



Ernie Bacon



Robert Hicks



Julian L. Bibb