



Historic Bishop Home c. 1907

**Historic Bishop Home
a Cadoma Foundation property
818 East Second Street
Casper, Wyoming 82601**

November 22, 2021

Thanksgiving Blessings to our dear Friends, Helpers, and Supporters of the Historic Bishop Home,

We are thankful that the Historic Bishop Home is surviving its “second pandemic” and continued to grow through the process!! We sincerely appreciate all of you for your support and encouragement. Many of our planned events were postponed in 2021 or reinvented such as our “Tea in the Box” to substitute for in-house teas. We continued to use our time judiciously, however. With a second **Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund grant** and private donations, we are replacing the cracked and hazardous concrete around the home as well as opening the driveway to fully capitalize on the ADA compliant ramp that was incorporated in the 2020 **Historic Bishop Home’s Iconic “Southern” Front Porch** restoration. **In 2022, we plan to work with the City of Casper to further improve the home’s access by paving the alley way between the house and parking lot.**

Leilani DeClue, our house manager, continues to be a welcome blessing to the house. She brings new energy, knowledge, and experience. Her expertise in historic building archeology is cultivating our relationship with Casper College. **In 2021 we grew with more interns and volunteers.** Leilani continued our partnership with the **University of Wyoming Collections project** to publish the home’s unique collectibles on a nationwide network. Gaining knowledge with the home’s collection is resulting in new and diverse displays—more old photos, historic clothing, and connections of the home to the development of Casper are being revealed.

To continue our growth and development, we ask that as you plan your year-end giving, to please consider a donation to the Historic Bishop Home, a property of the Cadoma Foundation. The Cadoma Foundation, a Wyoming 501c3 nonprofit organization since 2006, is working diligently to sustain the home. Our 2022 operational fundraising goal is \$30,000.

You may ask the question... WHY IS THIS HOME IMPORTANT TO CASPER AND ME?

One of the Home’s programs is to encourage 3rd graders to visit the home as a complement to their study of Casper’s history. Since the first historic house museum in the United States opened to the public in 1850, Americans have used historic buildings as tools for teaching and learning about the past. The children who study Casper and Wyoming history overwhelmingly enjoy coming to this historic home. **Seeing the original structure set with furniture and memorabilia where children like themselves lived, played, and were taught valuable life lessons leaves a strong impression of the importance of family. These lessons provide context on how family and individuals contributed to the founding, growth, and community development of Casper – this “step into history” is so valuable in today’s “disposable” society. The children absorb the experience in a way that impresses them more than going through a traditional museum. They seem to appreciate the information; so much so that many times they bring their family to visit the home!** One of our Board’s 2022 goals is to resurrect the 3rd and 4th grader visit the home as an extension of their Casper and Wyoming History studies.

The home is distinguished by being an original structure and only having one family live in it--the Marvin Lord and Leona Bishop family. After the last son of the 12-member original family died in 1999, the home was gifted to the Cadoma Foundation to be used as a historic home museum for the benefit of the citizens of Casper and Wyoming. **It is the Board’s collective hope that you will understand the contribution that the home’s history gives the young people and adults who visit this home. They love to see all the rooms, and they ask lots of questions about how the rooms were used – how the kids used the rooms. Finally, we find that many tourists are visiting the home to learn and see the history of our community!**

On the back of this page is a giving page that you may use for your contribution. Thank you for your support and help over the years. Reaching the goal of \$30,000 will keep the Historic Bishop Home moving forward.

***In gratitude for your support and encouragement,
The Cadoma Foundation Development Committee and Leilani DeClue, House Manager***

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If you are interested or know someone who would be a good candidate, please contact Leilani DeClue, 307 237-2443 or write info@cadomafoundation.org



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