

Minnesota State Public School Orphanage Museum

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Want to get involved in the State School restoration effort?

Here are three ways how...

1. Become a sponsor/friend
2. Make a donation to support the documentary project
3. Buy a board on the Cemetery Boardwalk

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

☐ Yes, I'd like to become a sponsor/friend! ☐ Yes, I'd like to make a donation!

☐ Yes, I'd like to purchase ____ board(s) at \$35.00 each!

If you wish to purchase a board, please print clearly the words you wish to have inscribed.

Mail your tax-deductible contribution, along with this form to: MN State School Orphanage Museum, 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, MN 55060. Checks should be written out to: MN State School Orphanage Museum.

Important: To ensure receiving future Newsletters, please inform us of any address change. Thank you.

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“Magnificent video—so powerful!” “Very professionally done.”
“Compelling” “An amazing story!”

Documentary Showing A Success!

The four showings of “The Children Remember” were a great success! Approximately 265 people joined us for the premier showing in St. Paul and almost 500 for the Owatonna showings weekend. We were very excited to share this “captured” bit of history with you and are thrilled that you responded. Never in our fondest dreams did we expect such a great turnout.



Premier Showing – St. Paul, Minnesota | State Schoolers from the Documentary

Back row: Vivian Swan Manthe, Robert Charnell, Harvey Ronglien, Arlene Nelson (daughter)

Front row: Richard Webber, Iris Avis Segelstrom Wright, Helen Hoover Bowers, Ruth Lowry Fizer, Eva Carlson Jensen

Not present: Eugene Bliss, Violet Grothe Conlin, Lester Felien, Bill Hollister, Oscar Ronglien

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They were called "State Schoolers."

There were 10,635 of them between 1886 and 1945. Kids orphaned...or abandoned...or abused and sent to Owatonna, home of the Minnesota State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children. This documentary film is a story of stories told by those who were there. For some, it was a circle of hell; for others, a safe haven. Come with us as **The Children Remember...**



Brothers Oscar and Harvey Ronglien – from the documentary film "The Children Remember."

"The Children Remember" – Get Your Copy!

\$29.95 (Plus \$5.00 for shipping & handling for mail orders.)

If you would like to order a copy of the 87-minute documentary film "The Children Remember - Life at the Minnesota State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children" for yourself or others, please return the enclosed form, along with a check or money order to: State School Orphanage Museum. The price is \$29.95 per video plus a flat \$5.00 shipping & handling fee (regardless of number of videos ordered). We will try our best to turn the orders quickly in case you are planning on sharing the State School story for Christmas. All orders will be sent Priority Mail. Please order early to better ensure a timely delivery.

If you prefer, you may order by phone by calling 507-444-4321. We accept Visa® and Mastercard®.

Those who live in the Owatonna area may purchase a video from the Owatonna Park & Recreation office, located in the City Administration Building of West Hills (the same building as the State School Orphanage Museum).

New State School Book Released

The newest State School book—Eva Jensen's memoirs written by her daughter Sandy—entitled "No Tears Allowed" was recently released. "No Tears Allowed" may be obtained by sending a check or money order to: Sandy Dinse, 8251 Eighth Street Southwest, Owatonna, MN 55060. The cost per book is \$12.95 (\$9.95 plus \$3.00 s&h). The book is also available in the Owatonna area at Little Professor or Elwood Star Cleaners.



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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You



Left to right: Harvey Ronglien, Historical Advisor; Kathleen Laughlin, Producer, Director, Editor; Michael Maas, Project Director; Maxine Ronglien, Executive Producer

Please allow us to again to thank all who made such generous contributions toward this documentary.

Thank you... to the team that put together this incredible documentary: Kathleen Laughlin/Producer, Director, Editor; Maxine Ronglien/Executive Producer; Michael Maas/Project Director; Harvey Ronglien/Historical Advisor; Kevin Kling/Narrator; Mike Hazard/Writer; Ed Matney/Camera; Ted Golbuff/Sound; Robert Hughes/Composer. What a fantastic job!

Thank you...to Michael Maas, Project Director and Board member for his vision, time, and dedication.

Thank you...to Maxine Ronglien, Executive Producer and Chairman of the Board for her countless hours, hard work, and great spirit for this project, as well as all the other workings of the State School Orphanage Museum. Harvey put it best: "She is the heart that pumps the blood in all our restoration efforts."

Thank you...to Harvey Ronglien, Historical Advisor and Board member. Harvey "...is but one..." but his efforts have touched so many.

Thank you...to the financial support of the Minnesota Historical Society's Grants-In-Aid Program as well as the many corporations, organizations, and individuals who have made this documentary a reality.

Thank you...to the Jesse Partridge Charitable Fund Award who helped fund the receptions for the Owatonna showings. (The Steele county Extension Home Study Groups chose "The Children Remember" video project as the recipient for this year's award.)

Thank you...for the many donation received from those in attendance. It is greatly appreciated. (Especially since we had to pack you in like sardines!)

Thank you...to the Minnesota Historical Society, Helena Monson of Owatonna, and the Owatonna Arts Center for their generous contributions towards the showings.

And last, but certainly not least, let us thank Eugene Bliss, Helen Hoover Bowers, Robert Charnell, Violet Grothe Conlin, Lester Felien, Ruth Lowry Fizer, Bill Hollister, Eva Carlson Jensen, Vivian Swan Manthe, Arlene Nelson, Harvey Ronglien, Oscar Ronglien, Richard Webber, and Iris Avis Segelstrom Wright. We cannot thank these individuals enough for opening up their hearts, their stories, and their lives to us.

While we believe this documentary will be of great historic and social value, we are also hopeful it may one day be shown on PBS (Public Broadcasting System). Application has been submitted, but the outcome will not be known for several months.