

# **American Civil War Museum of Ohio**

## **Community Report Card**

### **Year Ending December 31, 2007**

The American Civil War Museum of Ohio was formed to satisfy our community's need for a unique educational museum by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the American Civil War and its impact on the current generation of American people. The museum is located at 123 East Court Street Bowling Green, OH and is organized as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit Ohio corporation and receives no direct funding from city, county, state or federal agencies. The museum currently has no paid employees and relies on museum visitation, gift shop sales, memberships, donations, and corporate sponsorship to fund the museums educational programs and operations.

During the first full year of operation ending December 31, 2007 the museum had 2151 visitors from across the region explore the museum. Museum volunteers also provided group educational programs outside of the museum at schools, churches and various business locations for an additional 1951 individuals and the popular "Traveling Exhibit" was viewed by an estimated 1800 community members. In total, the museum was able to educate a total of 5902 citizens of the community including students, senior citizens and adults of northwest Ohio. Most importantly, 1861 school children from many local school districts had the opportunity to experience one or more of the educational programs offered by the museum. 494 of these students were from Wood County school districts.

The American Civil War Museum of Ohio has participated in many special events that have allowed community members to visit the museum free of charge. Some of these events include the Bowling Green Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Day, Be a Tourist in Your Home Town event and the Bowling Green Downtown Art Walk.

The museum completed an expansion of its facilities in November of 2007 that allowed the museum to nearly double the available space for exhibits and programs. This expansion allowed the museum to offer improved educational opportunities for the community and enabled the museum to become a true "destination site" for travelers.