



# The Hagerman Group

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## Two Celebrations Mark The Hagerman Group's Centennial

The Hagerman Group, builder of landmark structures throughout Indiana, marked its 100th year in business at recent open house celebrations in Fort Wayne in May and in Indianapolis in June.

An open house at the Hagerman-constructed Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne featured several distinguished speakers and was attended by over 300 friends of the company.

Tom Henry, Mayor of Fort Wayne, noted The Hagerman Group's 100-year milestone and presented the fifth generation of the Hagerman family, five-year-old Drake Hagerman, with a City of Fort Wayne lapel pin. Jim Anderson, director of the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, thanked The Hagerman Group for its partnership with the Zoo, noting multiple exhibits constructed by the firm over the years and the value The Hagerman Group has brought to the Zoo.

"Hagerman has always provided high quality work, on time and under budget," said Anderson. "They add value to the project and help solve problems creatively. They help the Zoo build more for less."

Randy Brown, general manager of the Coliseum, also congratulated The Hagerman Group and remarked on the firm's history with the Coliseum from the original construction in 1952 to the more recent expansion in 2002 which included raising the roof 42 feet.



Mark Hagerman addresses those in attendance at the open house in Fort Wayne.



Mark Hagerman, Mayor Ballard and Jeff Hagerman at the open house in Indianapolis.

Third-generation Mark Hagerman, chairman of The Hagerman Group, recounted the history of the firm from the early years when his grandfather, founder William Hagerman, immigrated from Germany to the more recent growth into three companies and three offices. He thanked the employees and friends of the firm for their commitment.

A second celebration at the Indianapolis Zoo's White River Gardens, another Hagerman-built facility, hosted over 300 guests and included speaker Greg Ballard, Mayor of Indianapolis, who mentioned The Hagerman Group's green building accomplishments, citing the firm's sponsorship of the first sustainable Habitat for Humanity house in Fort Wayne and The Hagerman Group's construction of the first LEED certified new construction project in the state of Indiana.

Paul Grayson, deputy director of the Indianapolis Zoo, also spoke noting The Hagerman Group's friendship with the Zoo from the construction of the original Zoo facility in the 1980's to the more recent White Rhinoceros and African Elephant exhibits.

“You get to know these folks; they become your family. These projects become their passion,” said Grayson.

In their remarks, Mark Hagerman and son Jeff Hagerman, president of The Hagerman Group, credited the century of success to the loyalty of employees, clients and friends of the company.

“We have been extremely blessed with wonderful employees and committed external relationships,” said Jeff Hagerman.

The Hagerman Group, a construction manager and general contractor, is composed of Hagerman Construction Corp., GDH LLC and Hagerman Inc. The firm has offices in Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Lafayette, Indiana.

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