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Davenport, IA—July 6, 2010—The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) proudly announces that **The German American Heritage Center** is the recipient of an Award of Merit from the AASLH Leadership in History Awards for the exhibit

*The German Immigrant Experience: 1845-1925*

. The AASLH Leadership in History Award is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

The museum includes nearly 4,000 feet of state-of-the-art interactive exhibits including a new trivia video game, wired antique party phone lines to listen to, and the audio-visual experience, “Step into My Shoes.” The new interactive video game let’s visitors choose a character who portrays a German Immigrant of the mid- 1800’s. They then answer questions that lead to a reward of two fun video games. The “Step into my Shoes” exhibit allows section visitors to step onto footprints of a child, female and male. This triggers the corresponding character to appear before them on a screen and talk about their personal experience as an immigrant. For more information about this award winning exhibit, go to our website at [www.gahc.org](http://www.gahc.org) . Here you can watch video of the exhibit and explore out exhibit photo gallery.

Awards for 2010 represent 49 organizations and individuals from across the United States. Contribution from The History Channel will once again help underwrite the cost of the awards banquet which will honor the award winners at a special banquet during the 2009 AASLH Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Friday, September 24.

The AASLH awards program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of

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excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards not only honor significant achievement in the field of state and local history, but also

brings public recognition of the opportunities for small and large organizations, institutions, and programs to make contributions in this arena.

For more information on the museum's exhibits, programs, events, classes, and workshops, visit [www.gahc.org](http://www.gahc.org) or call 563-322-8844. General Admissions is: Adults: \$5; Seniors: \$4; Children (5-17 years old): \$3; Free for children under 5. Museums members are free. Hours are Tuesdays through Saturday open 10 am- 4 pm; Sunday open 12 pm- 4 pm. For more information about the Leadership in History Awards, contact AASLH at 615-320-3203, or go to [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org)

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