



CHANGNON-PIPER  
MUSEUM OF  
TOYS & COLLECTIBLES

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**The Changnon-Piper Museum of Toys and Collectibles Opens Virtual Doors  
with New Exhibit featuring American Girl**

**CHICAGO/NASHVILLE, Tenn., September 25, 2021** — The Changnon-Piper Museum of Toys and Collectibles is proud to open its virtual doors to the public for the first time and announce its inaugural exhibit from the Changnon-Piper Family Trust.

The mission of the museum is to preserve, acquire, educate and inspire children of all ages through the collection generously on loan by the Changnon-Piper Family Trust. The family trust houses over 5,000 objects of toys and collectibles including dolls, figurines, political buttons, decorative objects, books and much more.

“We are pleased to finally open our virtual doors to the public for the first time,” said Blake Changnon, president, CEO and co-founder of the museum. “Both the Changnon and Piper families have an extensive collection and we are grateful that the family has chosen us to showcase these artifacts to the public for the first time.”

Each year, the museum will introduce a new exhibit from the family trust, alternating between toys and collectibles. Our inaugural exhibit, American Girl: 35 Years of Strong Characters, showcases Blake Changnon’s extensive American Girl collection and celebrates the toy company’s 35th anniversary of creating strong, courageous and heroic characters living and growing up in different times in America’s history.

Introduced in 1986 by founder Pleasant T. Rowland, the flagship line of Historical Characters includes dolls, books and historically accurate clothing, accessories and furniture that children can use to play out the stories of the characters.

Patrons to our virtual museum will be able to meet 16 different characters from pivotal times in history and a small selection of their collection. Although fictional, these young girls exemplify courage, resilience and kindness through their stories and offer a dramatic understanding of the role women and girls played in shaping our country.

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**About The Changnon-Piper Museum of Toys and Collectible**

The Changnon-Piper Museum of Toys and Collectibles is a virtual museum that preserves, acquires, educates and inspires children of all ages through the collection generously on loan by the Changnon-Piper Family Trust. Visit us online at [toysandcollectiblesmuseum.org](http://toysandcollectiblesmuseum.org) and follow us on social media @CPMuseumTC.