

Help preserve Bryce Hospital

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Dear Editor: When opportunity knocks, we must answer! We have the greatest opportunity to save Bryce Hospital and the beautiful acres surrounding it. Since its opening, more than 150 years ago, Bryce Hospital has endured depressions, wars, good times and bad. Notably, it was the focal point for U. S. Mental Health civil rights.

Bryce Hospital, recognized as a National Historic Building, is a place [of which] all Alabamians can be proud because of its historical richness, beautiful landscape, Italianate-style Kirkbride facility, and [it is] the place where so many lives were affected. A mental health museum would be a wonderful walk through history for Alabama schools, as well as many tourists visiting this area. Bryce Hospital is an irreplaceable historical treasure for future generations.

If you would like to help preserve this fabulous building, contact Steve Davis, Bryce Hospital historian, at steve.davis@bryce.mh.alabama.gov, Dr. Tom Hobbs, thobbs@wmhcinc.com, or any volunteer serving on the Bryce Hospital Historical Preservation Committee, established by John Houston, commissioner, Alabama Department of Mental Health.

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