

URGENT:

HELP STOP THE UGLY, ILLEGAL ADDITION TO THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD STATION AT 339 WEST 29TH ST.

PLEASE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL SO WE CAN AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY TO FIGHT THE OWNER AT THE UPCOMING BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS HEARING. Even small amounts of \$5 or \$10 would help.

Simply write a check to the **Historic Districts Council** (232 East 11th Street New York NY 10003, <http://hdc.org/>) and put **Friends of Lamartine Place** in the memo line, or call them at **212-614-9107** to make a donation using a credit card.

LEAVE A LEGACY FOR OUR KIDS AND LET'S SHOW NEW YORKERS AND TOURISTS THE BEST OF NEW YORK:

Did you know that people from all over the country come to 29th Street, even as far away as Idaho, just to see the Underground Railroad Station? Julie and I have also taught schoolchildren how Abby Hopper Gibbons and James Sloan Gibbons heroically harbored runaway slaves in this house, even eating with them at their dining room table, and how this family dramatically escaped from the angry mob by running over the rooftops of the row houses on 29th Street during the Draft Riots. This is a photo of the kids' and their teacher, Lesley Doyel, beaming after their on-site lesson. It speaks volumes about why we need to save this pivotally important building from disfigurement.

