Glenn D. and Jeanine Head Miller

When Glenn D. and Jeanine Head Miller purchased the Italianate-style Geer House in 2000, they acquired a derelict building that Superior Township residents nevertheless thought of as “everyone’s favorite house.”

The Millers devoted ten years to rehabilitating the structure, doing 85 percent of the work themselves. When contractors wanted to rip out the original plaster, the Millers found an expert who agreed to repair rather than replace. The Millers paid attention to every detail: recreating shutter hinges, hanging period-appropriate wallpaper, and investigating original paint colors. The Millers also restored outbuildings that were part of the original farm complex, and they rescued a Monroe County barn by relocating it to their property.

The Millers committed to “do everything right” and used State Historic Preservation Tax Credits for the project. Today, the complex of buildings once again reflects rural life in Washtenaw County. It is a source of community pride and a focal point for those who travel Ann Arbor Road.