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**Central Kentucky Community Foundation's new Home of Philanthropy
tells philanthropy's story in the community**

ELIZABETHTOWN, KY (Nov. 7, 2019) – The story of community philanthropy is intertwined with Central Kentucky Community Foundation, so much so, its history is written on the walls of the new Home of Philanthropy.

A large mural of undeveloped farmland from 1951 greets guests upon entry to the main lobby. The foundation purchased the property for what was then Elizabethtown Community College and has since donated pieces of it for the Hardin County Public Library, Hardin County Schools Early College and Career Center and University Drive ballfields. A portion was reserved to build a permanent home for the foundation.

"Tonight, we come home. Our founders bought the land on which we built, and they saw to it that Elizabethtown Community College was established," CKCF Board Chair Jeff Richardson said. "We think it's fitting that our new home is sitting on land that was purchased by our original founders."

The story of philanthropy and CKCF's history continues in various mixed media displays throughout the building, including a historical timeline to greet guests to the building's Community Hall and digital signage on the upper and lower levels.

"We thought it was important to tell the community's story of philanthropy when we built the community's home, the Home of Philanthropy," said Davette B. Swiney, president and CEO of Central Kentucky Community Foundation. "Thanks to the wonderful work of our creative partners, now everyone who comes here can understand how philanthropy works in our community and, hopefully, be inspired by it."

Guests had their first opportunity to see the Home of Philanthropy, the foundation's headquarters, during a Grand Opening celebration on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019, to dedicate the building and officially open the space to the public.

"My husband and I were talking that it wasn't just a building filled up," said Debbie McCarthy, a fund holder with CKCF. "Every room had a purpose. The building itself represented something that just brought so much into the building. It's not just a building of philanthropy. It's a building of hopes and dreams and future and ideas. It isn't just a structure built. It is the future. It is growth. It is everything that philanthropy stands for is right there."

The \$2.6 million, 9,500-square-foot project broke ground April 20, 2018, and site work began on Aug. 6. It has two levels, an upper level for foundation work with a board room, workroom and office space and a lower level Community Hall. The Community Hall features a catering kitchen, multiple layout options, breakout meeting spaces and state-of-the-art technology. It can seat up to 250 people and rental rates vary on the type of use, but nonprofit organizations can use the space free or for a nominal fee.



Through board commitments and generous donations from the community, the Home of Philanthropy's Capital Campaign has raised most of the cost with \$590,000 remaining. The project's Presenting Sponsor, The Cecilian Bank, contributed \$250,000.

"We feel like whenever our bank gives money, we want it to be pointed and directed and highly effective," said Greg Pawley, president of The Cecilian Bank. "We do feel like this is the proper channel to do that, so we're very committed to this project and we're thankful CKCF gave us the opportunity to participate. We know our \$250,000 is put in good hands and we love this home that you have. It does feel like home. We ask everyone to continue to support this."

More than 150 guests attended the Grand Opening celebration, where they were treated with heavy hors d'oeuvres prepared by Elizabethtown Community College's culinary students.

"We've looked forward to this day for a very long time," Swiney said. "This building is special because it not only tells the story of our community's philanthropy, from the start of the foundation in 1960 to now, but it also will serve as a community hub for philanthropy and collaboration."

To give to Central Kentucky Community Foundation's Capital Campaign for the Home of Philanthropy or to inquire about services CKCF offers, go to ckcf4people.org or call 270-737-8393.

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Cutlines:

7G9A0134 – Debbie and Asa McCarthy talk Thursday with Central Kentucky Community Foundation President and CEO Davette B. Swiney during a Grand Opening celebration for the Home of Philanthropy, CKCF's new headquarters in Elizabethtown.

7G9A0187 – Barbara Proffitt speaks Thursday to Ella Mae Wade and Bob Wade Jr. as they sign a picture frame mat that served as a guest book for Central Kentucky Community Foundation Home of Philanthropy Grand Opening.

7G9A0434 – Central Kentucky Community Foundation Board of Director Chair Jeff Richardson cuts a ribbon Thursday marking the official opening of the Home of Philanthropy, which serves as the foundation's headquarters. He is joined by some of the crowd gathered to celebrate the building's grand opening.

7G9A0452 – Central Kentucky Community Foundation's first president and CEO Al Rider speaks Thursday to Col. Larry French during the grand opening celebration of the Home of Philanthropy, the foundation's new headquarters.



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7G9A0548 – Barbara Proffitt asks Pete Mahurin to sign a picture frame matte Thursday in Central Kentucky Community Foundation Home of Philanthropy's The Cecilian Bank Board Room during the building's grand opening celebration.

7G9A0557 – Jeff Noel hugs Megan Stith on Thursday in the lobby of Central Kentucky Community Foundation's Home of Philanthropy during the building's grand opening celebration.