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Aurora University Recognizes Community Foundation in Future Welcome Center

Art Gallery to be named Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley Gallery

Aurora, IL — The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley recently announced a contribution of \$100,000 in support of the Ellsworth and Virginia Hill Welcome Center now under construction at Aurora University. When completed, the Hill Welcome Center will serve as the central gathering place for prospective students, alumni and current students. The building will house space for classes, meetings, dinners, an art gallery and will extend the tradition of hospitality for which the university is known. Included in the building will be a 75-seat recital hall. The grant from the Community Foundation will help create the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley Gallery at the entrance to the Center.

The Community Foundation has been a longtime supporter of Aurora University. Their gift of \$500,000 in support of Perry Theater Renovation in 2003 helped to launch the Arts & Ideas Program. The Foundation also provided equipment for the Partnership School.

"The Community Foundation values the positive impact Aurora University has on this community," noted Mark Truemper, Community Foundation Board Chairman. "Not only will the Welcome Center provide a place for current and future students to excel in their studies, but through the art gallery and recital hall, it will serve as a resource for the entire community."

Construction on the Hill Welcome Center is expected to continue for the next 10 months, and will include a wing for the Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures. This wing will provide opportunities for cultural exhibitions and display the rich history of the university and the Fox Valley community in large gallery space.

About Aurora University

Aurora University is an inclusive community dedicated to the transformative power of learning, annually educating more than 4,800 degree-seeking students at the bachelor's, master's and

doctoral levels. The university has a long tradition of preparing students for lives of service and leadership, and using its resources and expertise to meet the needs of the community.

In addition to its main campus in Aurora, Ill., AU offers programs online, at its George Williams College campus in Williams Bay, Wis., and at the Woodstock Center in downtown Woodstock, Ill. Learn more at www.aurora.edu.

About the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley

The Community Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization that administers individual charitable funds from which grants and scholarships are distributed to benefit the citizens of the Greater Aurora Area, the TriCities and Kendall County, Illinois.

Founded in 1948, the Foundation provides a simple and powerful approach to charitable giving. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations have the opportunity to custom design their own named funds that reflect their charitable goals and interests. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$50 million in grants and scholarships.

Funds may be created on a permanent basis or they may serve a more limited purpose. Donors establishing permanent funds have the assurance that their charitable objectives will be fulfilled in perpetuity.

For more information on the Community Foundation, please visit our website at www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org

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