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From: The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 S. Main

RE: Fundraising Campaign Concludes: “*The Campaign of Historic Opportunity*”

In 2011 the Museum’s Board of Trustees launched a three year fundraising campaign, the Museum’s first major fundraising effort in many years. The effort identified a wide range of projects focusing on new exhibits, programs and collection acquisitions augmenting the Museum’s Mission to educate the citizens and visitors about our community’s unique history. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum is pleased to announce a successful conclusion to the campaign.

The effort has resulted in the funding of several new exhibits including special traveling exhibits and long term core exhibits such as the 1890’s Mayor’s Office and a Young people’s Gallery and Workshop. The Museum’s Executive Director Eric Cale says: “We are very near to reaching a goal of \$ 2 million as we see major gifts materialize over the next 90 days”.

The institution, one of America’s foremost local history museums, was chartered 75 years ago and has maintained accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums since 1972. It occupies the original Wichita City Hall building. Twenty-four various exhibits depict the area’s history since the time of settlement and are open to the public six days a week.

Attached Photo: L-R: Trustee Tim Finnerty, Sustaining Gifts Chair Carolyn Conley, Board President Jack Kellogg, Endowment Committee Marietta Wetzel, Executive Director Eric Cale. Not pictured: Campaign Chair Kelly Callen and Major Gifts Chair Clark Bastian.

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Regular Admission Charge: Adults \$ 5.00, Children under 12 years \$ 2.00; under 6 free

Supported in part by the City of Wichita and the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners.

OUR VISION: To provide a world class Museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.