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\$75,000 Gilchrist Grant Award to New Sioux City Public Museum Announced

The Siouxland Heritage Foundation announced a \$75,000 project grant award from The Gilchrist Foundation for the "Our New Museum" capital campaign today. Funds will be used for the construction of one of the three classrooms in the new Sioux City Public Museum in downtown Sioux City.

The Gilchrist Foundation was founded by Jocelyn Gilchrist who passed away earlier this year. The award letter sent by Security National Bank, the Foundation's trustee, noted, "The Foundation is committed to underwriting special projects that promote the Arts, and we are pleased to be a part of this endeavor." A previous \$50,000 award from The Gilchrist Foundation was designated for the Museum's education/exhibit endowment.

"We are pleased to be a beneficiary of The Gilchrist Foundation's generosity and legacy," said Steve Hansen, Museum director. "The Gilchrist family played an importation role in the development of Sioux City and through Jocelyn's bequest their impact on Sioux City continues."

The \$75,000 project grant from The Gilchrist Foundation comes at a critical time as the Siouxland Heritage Foundation expands its public phase of the "Our New Museum" capital campaign. More than 200 donors have contributed to the capital campaign in amounts ranging from \$3 million to \$10. To date, nearly \$8.5 million has been raised for the new Museum facility.

Plans for the downtown facility call for tripling the Museum's current classroom space to allow for a dramatic expansion of the diversity and range of educational offerings. The multi-purpose classrooms will incorporate current technology and will be available for use by community groups as well.

The non-profit 501(c)(3) Siouxland Heritage Foundation was created to oversee design, construction and fundraising of the new Sioux City Public Museum in downtown Sioux City. The Gilchrist Foundation grants awards to pre-selected non-profit organizations and is administered through Security National Bank's Trust Department.

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