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CLOSER TO THE FINISH LINE: NEW NORTH HUNTSVILLE LIBRARY RECEIVES LARGE DONATION

Alabama A&M University contributes funds to support the cause

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (Mar. 15, 2017) – Another sizable donation is pushing the new North Huntsville Library project closer to its \$2.5 million goal. A press conference will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 22, at 2 p.m. at the Bessie K. Russell Library, 3011-C Sparkman Dr., to acknowledge a generous contribution from the Alabama A&M University Foundation on behalf of the university. AAMU President Andrew Hugine Jr. and First Lady Abbiegail Hugine, Mayor Tommy Battle, and District 1 Councilman Devyn Keith will be in attendance.

AAMU has a long history of supporting the North Huntsville community.

“Alabama A&M University is a part of the larger Huntsville community, and in keeping with the desire to be good community partners, we invested in the North Huntsville Library because it represents a place where students and community members can increase their knowledge,” said President Hugine. “This is consistent with the University’s mission of enhancing educational opportunities.”

“We are so grateful to receive \$50,000 from Alabama A&M,” said campaign chairperson Kim Caudle Lewis. “Donations like these from educational institutions, businesses, and organizations within North Huntsville really show how much support we’ve seen from this community for a new library. People really recognize that it will be a true asset in this area, and they want to be a part of it.”

To date, the North Huntsville Library Committee has raised over \$1.3 million of the \$2.5 million needed to transform the Berachah Center into a 21st-century, state-of-the-art library.

If you are interested in donating to this project, or would like more information, visit

huntsvillelibraryfoundation.org/north.

About Huntsville-Madison County Public Library

This is the public's library. Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (HMCPL) is a nonprofit 12-branch system that serves all of Madison County, Ala. For nearly 200 years, the library has been dedicated to enriching the educational, recreational and cultural lives of communities in Madison County through materials, information and programs that foster a lifelong love of learning. In addition to the collection of over 500,000 items, HMCPL also provides outreach services, a BookMobile and BookBike, online services, training, an extensive digital collection, public-use computers, free Wi-Fi, meeting spaces and much more. For more information about HMCPL and its services, please visit hmcpl.org.

About the Huntsville Library Foundation

Founded in 1986, the Huntsville Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to advocate for the library and to acquire resources that enhance the value to the community. This team works year-round to raise funds for the 12 branches of HMCPL to better serve Madison County. The Foundation believes that a great library helps make a great community. For more information about the Foundation, please visit HuntsvilleLibraryFoundation.org.

About Alabama A&M University

Alabama A&M University is a fully accredited, nearly 142-year-old land-grant institution located in Huntsville, Alabama. Internationally respected as a center of learning, research, culture and opportunity, AAMU has produced over 30,000 graduates, including Pro Football Hall of Famer John Stallworth, American Idol Ruben Studdard and Olympian Jearl Miles Clark. Annually, the doctorate-granting entity serves as the host site for several conferences sponsored by numerous associations. Moreover, some 20 Nobel Laureates have visited the campus in as many years. With more than 5,500 students, AAMU is a state, regional, national and international resource impacting thousands globally.

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