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Wichita Public Library Foundation Receives a \$500,000 Gift from Cox Communications

The City of Wichita and the Wichita Public Library Foundation announced today a \$500,000 gift from Cox Communications as part of its "Margin of Excellence Campaign" to build Wichita's new Advanced Learning Library.

"Cox Communications has become an essential partner to this project and its generosity will have a profound impact in our ability to deliver an Advanced Learning Library to the City of Wichita," stated Don Barry, Chairperson for the Wichita Public Library Foundation.

Cox Communications has made a cash gift of \$250,000 to support the Digital Pavilion and will provide another \$250,000 of in-kind Cox Business internet to allow what Don Barry is calling, "lightning speed internet that will melt your I-pad." "The goal of this campaign is to build a 21st century library that provides opportunity for those willing to learn, explore and excel. These gifts will give all library users access to an amazing digital delivery system that will do just that."

"We're never shy of requests for worthy causes from our 90-plus communities we serve across the state. It is rare, however, for an appeal to originate from our largest market in Kansas and so directly impact all of Cox Communications' traditional giving pillars of youth, technology, education and diversity," said Coleen Jennison, Market Vice President for Kansas. "At Cox we deliver life's most important connections and no connection is more important than access to information. This project helps bridge the digital divide that exists for some in our community. We are proud to partner with the Wichita Public Library Foundation and the City of Wichita to make this worthy project a reality."

"This gift is another example of how our business community embraces the needs of the Wichita community. Corporate leadership is always needed when public projects, such as the Advanced Learning Library, provide truly a collective benefit to everyone," said Honorary Library Campaign Chairperson, Mary Lynn Oliver.

The Advanced Learning Library Capital Campaign serves to augment the City's \$30 million investment in what is being called "a community keystone project." The campaign has secured more than \$6 million toward its \$8 million goal.

About Cox Communications

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leading customer care and its outstanding workplaces. For eight years, Cox has been recognized as the top operator for women by Women in Cable Telecommunications; Cox has ranked among DiversityInc's Top 50 Companies for Diversity 11 times. More information about Cox Communications, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cox Enterprises, is available at www.cox.com and www.coxmedia.com.

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