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Library Foundation Receives Significant Gift from Friends

(St Peters, MO – December 16, 2010) The Friends of the St. Charles City-County Library District contributed \$45,000 to the Library Foundation's (re)Discover Your Library capital campaign for the new Spencer Road branch currently under construction in St. Peters. Debbie Rutsch, President of the Friends, handed the check to Larry Shroth, President of the Library Foundation in a presentation on Wednesday, December 15th. In recognition of this gift, the Children's Program Room and the Water Feature of the new library will be named for the Friends organization whose support for the St. Charles City-County Library District is long-standing.

In its first-ever capital campaign, the Library Foundation hopes to provide funding that allows the Library District to meet or exceed public expectations of their library experience in the new building without seeking a bond initiative or tax increase. Renovation of the Kathryn Linnemann library in 2008 set the bar for the efficiency, look and feel of libraries with enhanced furniture, fixtures and equipment. (re)Discover funding will do the same for the expanded space and meeting rooms to serve an expected 33,000 monthly visits by library users at the new Spencer Road branch.

"Library use is increasing and our branches are more than just books - more relevant and vibrant than ever. Our libraries bring together people and knowledge and strengthen our communities. We are thrilled to have the support of the Friends and other donors who want to help bring the new Spencer Road library to reality," said Kristin Williams, Planning and Development Coordinator for the Library District.

Individuals who want to contribute to the new library can make their mark with a commemorative brick purchase. Each brick will be personalized to show an individual or company's support of the library and will become a permanent part of the Spencer Road branch. Commemorative bricks are available for \$100, \$250 and \$500 and will be placed in the children's outdoor patio or front entrance walkway. Details about purchasing a brick are available at www.stchlibraryfoundation.org or from brochures available in each library branch.

Visit www.stchlibraryfoundation.org, e-mail kwilliams@stchlibrary.org or call 636-441-2300, extension 1582 for additional details, to make a donation to the (re)Discover Your Library campaign, or to purchase a brick.

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