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**Goodman Family Foundation Donates \$2 Million to
Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center**

Gift to Name Auditorium; Help Fulfill Dream of Local Holocaust Survivors

CHICAGO – The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center today announced that it has received a \$2 million donation from the Goodman Family Foundation to support its new state-of-the-art facility, now under construction in Skokie. The new 65,000 square-foot museum and education center, slated to open later this year, will be the largest center in the Midwest dedicated to teaching the universal lessons of the Holocaust.

“We are overwhelmingly grateful to Larry and Lillian Goodman for their tremendous support,” said Richard Hirschhaut, Project and Executive Director, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. “Their gift is helping to fulfill the dream of local Holocaust survivors to create a dynamic center of activism right here in Illinois, where visitors can reflect upon the lessons of history and apply them to the challenges of hate, intolerance, and genocide in our world today.”

Expected to host 250,000 visitors each year, the new Museum will reach students throughout Illinois and across the Midwest, educating them about this period in history and teaching them about the dangers of unchallenged bigotry. By law, students in Illinois are required to learn about the Holocaust and other genocides; the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center will help fulfill this mandate.

“When completed, the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center will truly be one of the premier Holocaust museums in the world,” said Larry Goodman. “It is an honor to contribute to this Museum and be a part of ensuring that the legacy of Holocaust survivors lives on to inspire action against acts of genocide and hatred for generations to come.”

The mission of the Goodman Family Foundation is to make long-term improvements in the quality of life in Israel, the Jewish communities in Chicago and elsewhere, to prevent drug addiction among youth-at-risk; and to improve the welfare of the most vulnerable populations.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center is a project of the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois. Founded by Holocaust survivors more than 25 years ago, the organization is dedicated to teaching about the Holocaust and the dangers of unchallenged hate. The organization has taught school and community groups through its small storefront museum and speakers’ bureau since 1981.

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