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News Release

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois holds ribbon cutting and open house to celebrate new office space.

Peoria, IL- The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) opened its doors on Tuesday, September 22nd to share its new location with community members. The new office space is located at 3625 North Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61604 within the Life Together Center, owned by First Federated Church.

The building has a recognizable history in Peoria as it once housed the Great Central Insurance Company. In alignment with the intentions of First Federated Church for the Life Together Center, CFCI is not the only nonprofit occupant. Both Central Illinois Youth Symphony and Look It's My Book! utilize the building for office space.

Recognitions were made to the CFCI Board of Directors, Federal Companies, Lincoln Office and First Federated Church leadership for making this move possible. "Kudos to First Federated Church for their commitment to positioning their Life Together Center as a community hub for nonprofit activities, and to Federal Companies and Lincoln Office for the roles they played in making our move possible. CFCI is delighted to share space with the Central Illinois Youth Symphony and Look. It's My Book! in this centrally located, easily accessible facility. We look forward to utilizing our highly-visible new home as a springboard to furthering CFCI's mission throughout central Illinois." said CFCI CEO, Mark Roberts.

Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel of First Federated Church stated, "We're delighted the Community Foundation chose our Life Together Center for its new home. The Foundation's goal of serving the charitable needs of Central Illinois and First Federated Church's long-standing commitment to our local mission partners complement one another."

Donna Marcacci, CFCI Board Chair noted, "We are excited about this new space and the future of the Central Illinois Community Foundation. This organization lives up to its mission of Connecting People Who Care with Causes That Matter. Being in a more accessible space, that is more visible to the community as a whole, is a great way to continue our mission."

Following the ribbon cutting there were over 150 community members in attendance for an open house to view the collaborative space at Life Together Center. To continue the theme of collaboration, food was prepared by South Side Mission's Culinary Arts Program.

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Mission: The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) is a philanthropic resource committed to Connecting People Who Care with Causes That Matter.

About CFCI: CFCI was established in 1985 by a group of community-minded citizens to meet a wide variety of social, cultural, educational and other charitable needs throughout central Illinois. CFCI carries out its mission by working with donors to establish permanent endowment funds to be used as charitable capital for enhancing the quality of life in the central Illinois community. CFCI maintains high professional standards in the investment and management of the funds entrusted to the Foundation, and promotes effective and efficient grant making to serve current and future needs of central Illinois. For more information, please visit www.communityfoundationci.org.