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York County History Center Exclusive Media Event July 10, 2024

Media Only Access to New State-of-the-Art Facility

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York, PA (July 1, 2024) – The York County History Center is thrilled to announce a special media event on **July 10, 2024, at 10 am** to celebrate its new, state-of-the-art headquarters at 121 North Pershing Avenue.

The new History Center boasts 15,000 square feet of dedicated exhibit space. Strategically located near the Colonial Complex, it creates a central downtown York destination for history enthusiasts and tourists. The exciting relocation marks a significant transformation for the History Center, offering visitors a dynamic and inclusive experience within a vibrant cultural hub.

On July 10, 2024, at 10am media will have the exclusive opportunity to:

- Tour the new facility, featuring 15,000 square feet of dedicated exhibit space.
- Learn about the adaptive reuse project that transformed the former Met-Ed steam plant into the new central downtown destination for the History Center.
- Hear remarks focused on the History Center’s commitment to diversity in artifacts and storytelling.

In addition, key York County History Center leaders will be present for introductory remarks and interviews. Those include Joan Mummert, president and CEO of the History Center, and Samantha Dorm, a board member who served as a volunteer on the exhibit planning group. Samantha also contributed a family artifact: a quilt made by her great-great-great-aunt, Jane Keenheel, who was born into slavery in Bamberg, S.C.

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A Focus on Diversity and Inclusion

Samantha Dorm's family quilt is evidence of the History Center's commitment to showcasing the rich and diverse history of York County. The media event will highlight the center's efforts to incorporate a variety of perspectives into its exhibits and storytelling, ensuring a more inclusive experience for all visitors.

"When we started thinking about what we wanted to present in the new museum, we decided early on to be intentional about telling stories from all parts of our community," Joan Mummert, president and CEO of the History Center, said. "You can see it on the History Makers Tower when you first step inside the museum. And you'll see it at other points throughout the exhibit. We want people to feel like they can see themselves and their story here."

Public Grand Opening

The public will be able to visit the new York County History Center during the 2024 summer season, with a grand opening event planned for **August 2-4, 2024**.

About the York County History Center

The York County History Center inspires the exploration of the history, people, and culture of our county, state, and nation. As a non-profit organization, it utilizes collections, historic sites, and museums to help tell the American Story with a focus on diversity and inclusion.

Learn more: www.yorkhistorycenter.org/new-museum

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