



NEWS CONFERENCE, FRIDAY, APRIL 19 AT 10 a.m.

Embargoed until that time.

Architectural and functional plans to be revealed.

Community leaders and Lena Pope board members expected to attend.

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LENA POPE HOME ANNOUNCES “YES, MRS. POPE” CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

FORT WORTH, Texas – Lena Pope Home is approaching its goal of \$12.5 million in a capital campaign that began in December 2011. To date, \$8.6 million has been raised with donations coming from 100 percent of the Lena Pope Home Board and Lena Pope Foundation Board and these organizations:

- Amon G. Carter Foundation
- The Ryan Foundation
- The Rees-Jones Foundation
- Leo Potishman Foundation
- Discovery Fund
- Rainwater Charitable Foundation
- William E. Scott Foundation
- Meta Alice Keith Bratten Foundation
- BNSF Railway Foundation
- Chesapeake Energy Corporation
- Walsh Foundation
- The Roach Foundation
- Rose Family Foundation
- Capital for Kids

Key members of the community, including Mayor Betsy Price, Judge Glen Whitley and U.S. Congresswoman Kay Granger, will join to celebrate and learn more about this important milestone in the organization’s history.

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Speakers include Glenn Darden, campaign chair, and Marty Leonard, honorary campaign chair. The “Yes, Mrs. Pope” Capital Campaign will allow Lena Pope to continue to fulfill its mission of helping create hope, happiness and success for children and families through several expansion projects.

“We have had tremendous support in the quiet phase of our capital campaign,” said Glenn Darden, president and CEO of Quicksilver Resources, as well as capital campaign chair. “The generosity of caring foundations and individuals will have an important impact on the children and families we serve.” Funds raised will be used to build new facilities for counseling and education services on a property near the Lena Pope main campus at the southwest corner of Sanguinet and Donnelly, as well as pay for a 2012 expansion of the Chapel Hill Academy, the Lena Pope charter school located in south Fort Worth. Funds have also come from the sale of a Lena Pope owned property in Flower Mound.

Proceeds from the capital campaign will support three significant areas of the overall Lena Pope organization, including:

- Construction of a new facility for the Counseling Center and support services (\$6 million)
- Development of a larger facility for the Early Learning Center program (\$2.5 million)
- Expansion of Chapel Hill Academy to serve more students (\$4 million — \$2.4 million of which was designated for the 2012 addition of fourth and fifth grade classrooms, gymnasium, cafeteria, science laboratory and more. And \$1.6 million gathered in early commitments made by board members will settle the bond debt secured to open the facility in 2008)

Long-time citizens of Fort Worth will remember Lena Pope as a home for orphans and children in need, its original mission when founded in 1930. Later, support was provided in the form of residential treatment group homes and then to foster care and adoption. Today, Lena Pope is dedicated to working with children and keeping families together by providing counseling and education support with the entire family in mind.

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Clients of Lena Pope’s Counseling and Therapy services will benefit from added counseling services, areas allowing more privacy, additional play therapy rooms and more waiting-area space. Each year, counseling sessions have impacted more than 7,000 clients, 61 percent of which were children. With the added space, an additional 1,000 clients will benefit annually.

Since opening in August 2012, the Lena Pope Early Learning Center, located at the corners of Sanguinet and Diaz, is already at capacity with 48 students ages 2 ½ to 5 years old. Construction of the new and enlarged facility will increase capacity to accommodate over 100 children, serving infants and children ages 6 weeks old through 5 years old.

The first class of fifth grade students at Chapel Hill Academy charter school moved into new space at the beginning of the 2012 school year and will be the first graduating class in June 2013. This expansion was made possible with funds raised during the ongoing capital campaign. A Recognized public charter school built on the belief that all children can excel, the school serves the communities of Aledo, Arlington, Castleberry, Crowley, Eagle Mountain-Saginaw, Everman, Fort Worth and White Settlement. When the entire family supports the art of learning, success is more easily achieved. At Chapel Hill Academy, all of the children are encouraged to “be university bound.”

Mrs. Lena Pope and the legacy of her passion have touched the lives of tens of thousands of children since she opened Lena Pope Home in 1930. As an orphanage, Lena Pope Home was a place of residence to nearly 500 children at one time. Today, Lena Pope Home impacts the lives of more than 20,000 children and family members each year. Efforts continue to carry on the Lena Pope legacy with programs of early intervention and prevention through counseling and education to help children and strengthen families.

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