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**WITH GIFT FROM THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS,
MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION SECURES MORE THAN \$100
MILLION IN FUNDING**

14 FOUNDER-LEVEL DONORS ANNOUNCED



In a ceremony held in Philadelphia's City Hall, officials from the Museum of the American Revolution accepted a gift of \$1.5 million from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Pictured (left to right): Desiree Peterkin-Bell, City Representative; Robert B. Smith, an official with the Church; former Governor of Pennsylvania Edward G. Rendell; Dennis Brimhall, President and CEO of FamilySearch International; Dr. Marion Lane, Museum Board Member; Carl M. Buchholz, Museum Vice Chairman; Michael Quinn, Museum President and CEO; and Councilman Mark Squilla.

PHILADELPHIA– April 24, 2014 – The [Museum of the American Revolution](#) today announced a gift of \$1.5 million from The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints. With this gift, the Museum has secured more than \$100 million toward its \$150 million goal to build and endow the Museum of the American Revolution, set to open in late 2016.

At a ceremony hosted by the City of Philadelphia, the Church was honored as the newest Founder-level supporter (\$500,000 and above) of the Museum, which is starting construction in the historic heart of Philadelphia.

"There is no better place to tell the story of America's beginnings than here in Philadelphia. The addition of the Museum of the American Revolution will strengthen Philadelphia's position as the leading historical destination," said Mayor Nutter. "I would like to thank the many donors who contributed to this project for their generous support. The museum will attract more visitors to enjoy the rich heritage, diverse cultural and artistic attractions, as well as the exciting nightlife that make Philadelphia a must-see global destination."

"The story of America's founding is one of faith, family, and religious freedom," said Dennis C. Brimhall, President and CEO of FamilySearch International, an affiliate of the Church. "The Church is pleased to be a partner in the ongoing efforts to engage people in their heritage in inspiring, immersive, and interactive ways."

Major and Founder-level gifts have been made to date by H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest, the Oneida Indian Nation, Rupert and MaryEllie Johnson, Arthur Powell, Richard Gilder and Lois Chiles, Dorrance Hill Hamilton, Otto Haas Charitable Trust, Jack and Pina Templeton, Lewis Katz, The Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation, A. Bruce and Margaret Mainwaring, James Maguire and Richard Vague.

The Museum is receiving support from donors in Philadelphia and from across the nation. "We have many donors to thank for their generosity and commitment to the Museum and want to particularly thank our LDS friends for this gift, which has gotten us to such a milestone," said Michael Quinn, President and CEO of the Museum. "We are gratified that the importance of this Museum is drawing support from every sector of our nation. Americans are truly united by the ideas and achievements that are our legacy from the founding generation."

The Museum also announced its Board of Directors has elected three new members: the Honorable Andrew Card, Mr. John Harvey and Dr. Marion T. Lane. "These new Board members will further our mission to engage a broad public in the understanding of the American Revolution and its ongoing legacy," said H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest, Chairman.

Andrew Card has diverse experience at the highest levels in government, academia, and industry. Most notably, he served as White House Chief of Staff from 2000-2006, and as Secretary of Transportation from 1992-1993. He entered politics with his 1975 election to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He has also served as Vice President of Government Relations at General Motors, and as CEO of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association.

John Harvey is an inventor/entrepreneur and founder and Chairman of Personalized Media Communications LLC, where he has served as principal inventor of a portfolio of fundamental IP technologies that address the delivery and presentation of media content. He is presently the Treasurer General of the Society of the Cincinnati, an organization founded in 1783 by the officers of the Continental Army to keep alive the memory of the Revolutionary War.

Marion T. Lane is a retired educator and author of *Patriots of African Descent in the Revolutionary War*, a children's book about the service of African-Americans during the Revolutionary War. She currently serves as the National President of the Society of Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge and serves on the board of the Friends of Valley Forge Park.

About the Museum of the American Revolution

The [Museum of the American Revolution](#) (MoAR) will tell the complete story of the American Revolution (1760 – 1783) using its distinguished collection of objects, artifacts, artwork, and manuscripts. Permanent and special exhibition galleries, theaters, and large-scale tableaux will bring to life the original "greatest generation," and engage people in the history and continuing relevance of the American Revolution.

Conceptual plans have been approved and site preparation is now underway for the new Museum that will be built steps away from Independence Hall, Carpenter's Hall, Franklin Court, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution. It will serve as a portal to the nation's many Revolutionary sites, sparking interest, providing context and encouraging explorations that begin at the Museum's doorstep.

MoAR is a private, non-profit organization. For more information, visit www.AmRevMuseum.org or call toll free, 877-740-1776.

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