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**DEPOT UNITED CAMPAIGN KICKOFF AND PRESS CONFERENCE NOV. 22ND**

DULUTH, MN (Nov. 2, 2021) – On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, tenants of the St. Louis County Depot will officially kick off a newly re-imagined partnership between The Depot Foundation and the long-existing Depot United Campaign in the Depot Foundation’s new offices. Campaign co-chairs Renee Mattson (Chair, The Depot Foundation) and Ken Buehler (Executive Director, Lake Superior Railroad Museum) have partnered to launch a fresh campaign which incorporates increased resource sharing between organizations and a collective fundraising component benefiting all Depot organizations equally.

Says Depot Foundation Board Chair Renee Mattson, “The foundation has moved back home to the Depot, and we are excited to renew our partnership with the Depot United Campaign in order to make a larger impact on the tenants of the Depot and the arts and culture they bring to our community.”

The Depot began with partnership and it still thrives in partnership today. Seven arts and cultural nonprofit organizations make their home at the St. Louis County Depot (Duluth Playhouse, Minnesota Ballet, DSSO, Arrowhead Chorale, Duluth Art Institute, St. Louis County Historical Society and the Lake Superior Railroad Museum). These organizations have been bringing music, art, dance, theatre, culture and history to The Depot for decades. Each one of them not only survived the pandemic, but continued to offer meaningful programming despite their doors being closed for many months. Support from donors remains critical to Depot tenants for long-term viability, and the Depot United Campaign seeks to remind Duluth of the extraordinary value these organizations bring to the Depot and to our community.

“All donations from the Depot United Campaign benefit all Depot organizations equally. Our goal is to work together toward a common goal. The Depot is our home and we are here to help each other. If we have learned anything throughout this pandemic, it’s that strength comes from unity,” says campaign co-chair, Ken Buehler.

**WHAT:** Depot United Campaign Kickoff

**DATE:** Mon. Nov. 22nd

**TIME:** 2:00pm press conference & 4:00pm-6:00pm Open House with refreshments

**LOCATION:** The Depot Foundation’s new offices, 506 W. Michigan St. – lower level

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