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Museum Achieves Largest Fundraising Goal in its History *Over \$13 Million Raised in Capital Campaign*

(CONCORD, June 22, 2018) The Concord Museum announced today it has achieved the largest fundraising goal in the Museum's history, raising more than \$13 million. The campaign, "*At the Center of Revolution*," was publicly launched in February 2017 to support construction of its new Education Center, Museum building renovations, and endowment.

Over 200 generous donors helped achieve the Museum's ambitious goal and approximately 75 per cent of funds raised came from Concord. The majority of campaign contributions came from individuals, including two individual gifts of \$1 million or more – one of which was the largest single gift in the Concord Museum's history.

The rest of the contributions were from foundations and government agencies, including the Town of Concord Community Preservation Fund and the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund. "This incredible response indicates that people believe the Concord Museum has a vital role to play in educating and inspiring current and future generations," said Board President and Campaign Chair Churchill Franklin. The campaign's success is a testament to the loyalty and generosity of our community, and we are most grateful."

"We especially want to acknowledge Executive Director *Emerita* Peggy Burke and our volunteer campaign leadership, including Ralph Earle, Dennis Burns, Cynthia Deysher, John Ferrell, Lisa Foote, Bill Huyett, and Honorary Chair Doris Kearns Goodwin."

Tom Putnam, the Museum's new Edward W. Kane Executive Director said, "I am proud to join the Concord Museum at this extraordinary moment in its history and

am moved by the giving of so many who understood the importance of this campaign. This milestone for the Museum is certainly a cause for celebration. I look forward to working with the Museum's donors, staff, board leadership and the wider community to build upon the Museum's successes in the future."

The Museum's school programs have been growing over the years, welcoming nearly 13,000 students annually. The Education Center, set to be completed this fall, has been made possible by the Campaign for the Concord Museum and will provide the necessary space and tools to reach school children from Massachusetts and beyond.

The Lyceum in the Education Center will host Museum programs for both adults and children building on the Museum's role as a community resource and national treasure. The signature new History Learning Center will create opportunities for innovative learning directly from objects for audiences of all ages.

Churchill Franklin explained, "The record-setting \$13 million raised will lay the foundation for a continued bright and promising future for the Concord Museum. Without the dedication and generosity of the community we would not be celebrating this historic accomplishment today."

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