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Hope United Breaks Ground for Ohio's First-Ever Relapse Prevention Wellness Center

Welty Building Company selected as Construction Manager

September 28, 2018 – *Akron, OH* – Today Hope United, a nonprofit organization that brings hope to those impacted by drug, alcohol and suicide epidemics, held a groundbreaking for Ohio's first relapse prevention wellness center called Tyler's Redemption, named in memory of the son of Hope United founders Travis and Shelly Bornstein, who passed of a heroin/fentanyl overdose on September 28, 2014.

Hope United has already raised more than \$1.4 million of the \$5 million fundraising effort. This grassroots organization is actively seeking opportunities with community members to participate in raising capital and developing innovative partnerships. For more information, visit www.hopeunited.life.

State and local officials attending the event included State Representatives Tavia Galonski and Robert Sprague, Lt. Governor Mary Taylor, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Lakemore Mayor Rick Justice. Representatives from Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman were also in attendance bringing recognition from their senators.

In 2017, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro proposed donating land on the former Edwin Shaw site to Hope United. Summit County Council then voted to donate 10.5 acres of the property located in southern Summit County to the project.

Welty Building Company, proven partners in comprehensive building services and construction management, was selected as construction manager of Ohio's first-ever relapse prevention wellness center serving Summit, Stark and Portage counties.

In addition to their capital fundraising campaign, Hope United has launched Every1United fundraising campaign to bring together local businesses to help build Tyler's Redemption Place. Business leaders know more than most that the opioid epidemic has crept into every corner of our community with its influence on our already shrinking workforce and its impact on the cost of healthcare, lost time and employee turnover. Finding and keeping healthy employees is an even bigger challenge when you consider that upwards of 50% of the workforce decline is due to opioid abuse. For more information on how local businesses can get involved visit, <https://every1united.org/>.

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About Hope United

Hope United is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization bringing education, support and recovery to communities suffering from drug, alcohol and suicide epidemics. Its purpose is to give those in recovery continued support, a safe place of fellowship and an environment to build life skills of mind, body and spirit.

About Welty Building Company

Welty Building Company provides professional construction management services, specializing in Lean Construction, for clients in a variety of healthcare, commercial, education, energy, mission critical and hospitality markets nationwide. With offices in Akron, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio and Houston, Texas, Welty delivers the most extraordinary building experience by never being afraid to do what's right – since 1945. Welty has had the distinction of creating many prestigious community assets, including the world-renowned

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