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Peg's Foundation Selects Welty Building Company as Construction Manager for its New Headquarters, Gallery and Historic Renovation of Baldwin-Buss House

May 4, 2022 – *Akron, OH* – Welty Building Company, proven partners in comprehensive building services and construction management, was selected by Peg's Foundation, a nonprofit organization that improves the lives of people with serious mental illness in Northeast Ohio, as construction manager of Parklane Square, a permanent home for Peg's Foundation in Hudson, Ohio. In addition to serving as a grantmaking foundation for mental illness, Peg's Foundation additional focus areas include education and the arts. As Peg's Foundation enters its 20th year, this project seeks to honor its founder and to give a gift to the community by creating a destination experience in downtown Hudson that connects the historic green to First and Main. As a part of the Parklane Square project, the historic Baldwin-Buss House will be restored to its original footprint and will have a shared campus with Peg's Foundation. The Baldwin-Buss House will be available to the community for events, educational initiatives, and to promote awareness and passion for the history, culture and architectural heritage of Hudson and Western Reserve.

"We felt the most appropriate idea was to make Peg's Foundation's permanent home here in a town that she loved," said Rick Kellar, President of Peg's Foundation. "Welty's resume of having built First and Main and working on projects at Western Reserve Academy, First Congregational Church of Hudson and the Burton D. Morgan Foundation make them the ideal partner."

Founded as the Morgan Clark Morgan Foundation in 2001 in Hudson, Ohio as a private grantmaking foundation, it was renamed to Peg's Foundation in 2018. Peg and Burt Morgan lived a legacy of giving back to their community. As a family touched by serious mental illness, both Peg and Burt wanted to help others address the challenges presented by these difficult illnesses.

"Welty is committed to being an integral part of the community by becoming active partners with organizations that make up the people and towns they serve," said Don Taylor, President and CEO of Welty Building Company. "With the mental health crisis significantly impacting citizens of Northeast Ohio both directly and indirectly, we couldn't be more to be grateful and proud to be involved with such a critical project that revitalizes the Park Lane corner to create a destination experience that supports Peg's Foundation's mission. Peninsula Architects will serve as the project architect, and we are thrilled to be working with their incredibly talented team."

Situated at the corner of First Street and Park Lane, the Park Lane Square project will create accessible public spaces including gardens, an outdoor gallery, a children's walking path, access to the Baldwin-Buss House, and the Peg's Foundation home and gallery – all between First and Main, the Village Green and the historic downtown business district on North Main Street. For more information, visit www.parklaneproject.com.

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