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Peoria Promise Foundation Receives Gift from Gilmore Foundation

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Peoria, Ill – December 23, 2020– Peoria Promise is pleased to have been selected by the Gilmore Foundation to receive investment of \$25,000 for their Tuition program. “The Gilmore Foundation is proud to support Peoria Promise - a program where 100% of our investment stays in the Peoria area. Peoria Promise’s mission aligns with Bob Gilmore’s interest in improving society through youth development, education and job creation” shares Laura Cullinan President, Gilmore Foundation

“This gift could not have come at a better time. The Gilmore Foundation quietly does such great work in our community and we are grateful for the confidence they have in Peoria Promise”, says Mayor Jim Ardis who is the Chairman of the Board of Peoria Promise.

“We are humbled and honored to have been chosen. 2020 and the impact of Covid-19, has presented even greater challenges for Peoria Promise with cancellation of fundraising events, economic challenges for the businesses that fund our program, all while our students are working remotely and harder than ever, to complete their course work at Illinois Central College and earn their degrees” according to M J Schettler, Executive Director. These funds will truly make a difference.

In the past 12 years, Peoria Promise has provided tuition funding of more than \$5.3 million, to over 3,600 students. Averaging 400 students each year now, with the increase in applicants comes the need for increased funds. 100% donor funded, working diligently with the business community to secure the investment in our foundation to meet these demands. 95% of our graduates are working, with 89% of them working in the Greater Peoria area. They are our future leaders, Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Engineers and more. We are still keeping our commitment to our students. 2021 Application will open February 1 – May 1, 2021.

To find out more about Peoria Promise, how to become an investor, the success of the program or how to apply, go to www.peoriapromise.org.

Peoria Promise is a not for profit 501C (3) organization solely focused on provided tuition reimbursement to City of Peoria high school graduates from ALL Peoria feeder high schools.

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