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**Springfield Little Theatre Receives Funding from  
C.W. Titus Foundation for Naming Rights  
to the SLT Education Facility**

Springfield, MO—Springfield Little Theatre received grant funding on July 31, 2019 in the amount of \$1 million from the C.W. Titus Foundation for their recently purchased education facility at 237 S. Florence Avenue in Springfield. The facility will now be named The Judith Enyeart Reynolds School of the Performing Arts for Springfield Little Theatre. The grant, along with an angel donor gift of \$250,000, will go to forgive the majority of the organization’s debt in purchasing the building in July 2019. These gifts were made as a part of Springfield Little Theatre’s Next Stage Capital Campaign which was announced in August 2018 and has since raise over \$2 million of the \$5 million needed to complete the necessary projects identified.

Beth Domann, Executive Director of the Springfield Little Theatre says, “We couldn’t be more grateful to the C.W. Titus Foundation for all of their support and belief in Springfield Little Theatre and our education program.” With \$1.25 million raised for the theatre’s education facility, the theatre’s staff and campaign committee continue to work to raise the remaining funds needed for pay off the bank loan and renovate the building.

Other naming opportunities exist within The Judith Enyeart Reynolds School of the Performing Arts for Springfield Little Theatre and gifts of any size are accepted. To learn more about the opportunities for Springfield Little Theatre’s Education Department, contact Lorianne Dunn, Education Director at (417) 413-2287 x 110 or [LDunn@springfieldlittletheatre.org](mailto:LDunn@springfieldlittletheatre.org).

Dunn says, “We are so thankful for the opportunity to breathe life back into the historic property, to fill its walls with the energy of our eager, passionate, dedicated, and creative young learners. This facility is truly a dream come true for our organization, and we are so humbled by the C.W. Titus Foundation’s incredibly generous gift.”

**About the Next Stage Capital Campaign**

Springfield Little Theatre’s \$5 million Capital Campaign is one year in and has proven to accomplish many of the higher priority goals including: tuckpointing the interior and exterior walls of The Landers Theatre, fixing the water infiltration into the basement from the front sidewalk, reinforce the rehearsal studio floors, purchase a dedicated education

facility and more. With over \$2 million raised, other projects identified as Capital Campaign projects include:

- Updates to The Landers Theatre lobby, restrooms, office space and box office
- New security and HVAC systems for The Landers Theatre
- Restoration and renovations to the education building now named The Judith Enyeart Reynolds School of the Performing Arts for Springfield Little Theatre including: tuckpointing, updated restroom facilities, accessibility and more.
- Grow an endowment fund to assist in the maintenance of these facilities

To learn more about the Next Stage Capital Campaign, visit <https://www.springfieldlittletheatre.org/nextstage/> or call Beth Domann, Executive Director at (417) 869-3869 x 12.