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Stan Hywet is Awarded \$750,000 from the State of Ohio For Campus Improvement Project

December 30, 2020 – Akron, Ohio –Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens has been awarded \$750,000 from the State of Ohio, part of recently enacted legislation by Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio General Assembly. These funds will be invested in Stan Hywet’s Campus Improvement Project —an expansion of its facilities and the infrastructure on the historic estate.

The Campus Improvement Project will address the near- and long-term needs of Stan Hywet, a result of exponential growth in activities and programming. With these funds from the state, the infrastructure can be expanded, and will include a new volunteer workspace, expanded storage area, new archive space, more staff offices, and additional guest parking.

“On behalf of Stan Hywet, including our board, staff volunteers, and donors, we express our gratitude to the governor and the state legislature. The foresight to invest in Ohio during this unprecedented time will support the retention and creation of jobs, address critical infrastructure needs, all while being done in a fiscally responsible manner. We extend a special thanks to Representative Bill Roemer and Senator Kristina Roegner for taking the lead in supporting this project to secure this grant. We are also thankful for the advocacy and support from our leadership, including the recommendation of our project by the Akron Chamber of Commerce and support from our legislative delegation in Columbus,” says Sean M. Joyce, President & Executive Director of Stan Hywet.

“From hosting our nation’s first AA meeting in the Gate Lodge to opening their gates at no cost during the COVID-19 pandemic, Stan Hywet Hall has been a beacon of not only community beauty, but also one of compassion, education, artistry, craft, commerce, and nationally recognized tourism,” according to Senator Roegner.

“We were very impressed by their thoughtful and well-developed improvement plan and believe that the upgrades are necessary and will enhance the experience for Northeast Ohioans, both young and old and those in-between, for years to come,” commented Representative Roemer.

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is located at 714 North Portage Path in Akron, Ohio. Completed in 1915, it is the former estate of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. co-founder F.A. Seiberling and his family. Now a non-profit museum, it is Akron, Ohio’s oldest National Historic Landmark. The estate is open for tours April-December, with exhibits that change annually.

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