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### **\$4.7 MILLION ESTATE GIFT ENTRUSTED TO TOPEKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Beloved Topekans Dr. Phillip and Betty Sisk will continue to support the organizations they cared about – even after their deaths in 2002 and 2016, respectively. A \$4.7 million gift from their estate has been bequeathed to the Topeka Community Foundation, the single largest estate gift in the organization’s 34-year history.

“Phil and Betty were generous in their lifetime and wanted to ensure their philanthropy would continue in perpetuity,” said Topeka Community Foundation President Marsha Pope. “The Foundation is honored to be the steward of their estate gift which will provide support forever to the causes near and dear to them during their lifetime.”

The Sisk’s thorough and well-planned vision will provide annual distributions to EasterSeals Capper Foundation, First Lutheran Church, Topeka Civic Theatre and Academy, Topeka Community Foundation, Topeka Rescue Mission, Topeka Symphony Society and Sheltered Living.

Native Iowans, Betty and Phil were married in 1954. He was a physician in Topeka for 35 years. Betty was a homemaker and in addition to her love for baking desserts, enjoyed music and theater with her family.

“It is a great privilege to have worked with the Sisks to ensure their legacy of generosity continues,” Pope said. “Generations from now, their philanthropy will continue to make a difference in our community.”

With more than \$70 million in assets, the mission of the Topeka Community Foundation is to connect donors with their interests and community needs, increase charitable giving in the community, provide leadership on key community issues and ensure stewardship and accountability for effective community investment of donor dollars.

For information on how you can include philanthropic giving in your estate plans, contact Pope at 785-272-4804.

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