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Walkway to honor Robert Goldstine contributions

(Fort Wayne, Ind.) – The Embassy Theatre Foundation, Inc. received approval for a \$550,000 grant from the Robert Goldstine Foundation for funding accessibility projects in the Embassy Theatre. In honor of Goldstine's contributions to community development and the Embassy, the new walkway between the Harrison Square hotel and the Embassy will be named in memory of Robert Goldstine.

The foundation grant will fund new access points within the Embassy:

- A new elevator in an existing elevator shaft that runs basement to seventh floor on the west side of the building.
- A new stairwell and elevator shaft on the east side of the facility that will give access to the third through seventh floors.

These features are needed in order to make the building completely accessible for Embassy use and in preparation for new development opportunities that will emerge due to the walkway being constructed through the Embassy's third floor. Currently, there is a basement-to-third-floor elevator on the west side and access from the Grand Wayne Center walkway at the second-floor level to the theater lobby on the east side.

“Naming the walkway after Bob is a great way to honor all his contributions,” said Stephen Wesner, president of the Goldstine Foundation board. “Bob did a lot for the community as a developer and volunteer, and he established the foundation in order to do even more for the city after his death in 2001.”

In the early 1970s, Goldstine led the community efforts that saved the theater from demolition and to the formation of the Embassy as a nonprofit and community-based organization. Its mission is to preserve the historic facility through innovative and high-quality programming, events and performances.

In addition to the Goldstine Foundation, the City of Fort Wayne is committing \$1.3 million to the walkway and accessibility enhancements. The Embassy's staff and volunteer board of directors worked with city representatives and historic preservation experts to craft the agreement. The project will provide the hotel with its required pedestrian walkway while giving the Embassy the opportunity to develop the five floors in the Indiana Hotel that have remained closed for more than 30 years.

About the Embassy Theatre

Built in 1928, the Historic Embassy Theatre features national productions from the Broadway stage, concerts of all musical formats, cinema, educational programming and a continued commitment to young people. For more information, visit www.fwembassytheatre.org.

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