



San Jose Museum of
**Quilts &
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MUSEUM OF QUILTS & TEXTILES RAISES \$1.5 MILLION TOWARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL

SAN JOSE, Calif., February 13, 2008 – The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles announced a major milestone in its Capstone capital development campaign, reaching \$1.5 million in commitments toward a goal of \$4.3 million, including the largest gift in the Museum’s 30-year history. Funds raised through the Capstone Campaign will fully complete the permanent home the Museum acquired, renovated and opened in September 2005.

The unprecedented gift of \$500,000 comes from the Turner-Gilliland Family Fund at Silicon Valley Community Foundation. According to Mary Turner-Gilliland, “We support many arts organizations, but the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles is special. It was the first museum in the U.S. dedicated to the belief that textiles are an art form, not just ‘women’s work’.” Turner-Gilliland served on the board of directors for the Museum of Quilts & Textiles from 2001 to 2006.

In honor of the Turner-Gilliland gift, two of the Museum’s galleries will be named: the Howard and Elizabeth Turner Gallery, and the Gilliland Family Gallery. A gift from the Alberta S. Kimball Foundation will name the Mary Anhaltzer Museum Store, and a gift from Connie and Eric Tiegel will name the Tiegel Lift.

In late 2003 the Museum partnered with East Bay venture philanthropists to purchase and renovate an 11,000-square-foot historic property as an anchor institution in the arts and entertainment district known as SoFA, the southern gateway to downtown San Jose. The initial phase of construction was completed and the Museum celebrated its Grand Opening at the new location in September 2005 with the first extensive exhibition of works from its permanent collection. The overall cost of the property purchase, seismic retrofitting, renovation and remodeling needed to create a world-class exhibition, storage, education and administrative space totals \$7.64 million. Phase I fundraising totaled \$3,340,000. The Phase IIA \$1.5M goal just met will complete the build out of the facility. The Phase IIB \$2.8M goal will retire the mortgage, buy out investors, and seed an endowment for annual operations with \$1 million.

The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles is the first museum of its kind in the United States and in 2005 became one of the top 10 attractions in San Jose. Museum and Museum Store hours are: 10:00am-5:00pm Tuesday through Sunday; closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$6.50 general; \$5 students and seniors; and free to museum members and children under 13. Admission is free on the first Friday of each month. The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles is located at 520 South First Street in downtown San Jose. For more information, call 408-971-0323 or visit www.sjqm.org.

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