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NHBP Holds Ribbon Cutting at Newly Purchased and Renovated Grand Rapids Building

(Grand Rapids, Mich.) - On Friday, Feb. 1, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the phase one renovations of the newly purchased State Street building in the historic Heritage Hill Neighborhood.

The NHBP purchased the 18,750 square-foot building, which was originally built in 1920, for \$1,418,000 and added another \$600,000 into phase one renovations. It is estimated they will spend an additional \$600,000 on phase two renovations this spring, for a total of \$1.2 million in renovations.

"The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi is enthusiastic to be part of the historic Heritage Hill Neighborhood," commented Homer A. Mandoka, chairman for the NHBP. "The location is optimal to serve our members and we are thrilled to be able to repurpose a vacant building in Grand Rapids."

The NHBP is a federally recognized tribal government with over 1,200 enrolled tribal members. The tribe's main offices are located at the Pine Creek Reservation in Athens Township, and have had additional offices in Wyoming, Mich. for the past seven years. These offices include a health center, which serves NHBP Tribal Members, NHBP families, NHBP employees, and tribal members of other federally recognized tribes, along with administrative offices. With additional programming and tribal members, the NHBP has outgrown the Wyoming location and opted for the downtown Grand Rapids urban location, which offers the convenience of the bus line and closer proximity to a greater number of tribal members, among other benefits.

Phase one renovations included the remodel of the west side of the building, which will house the NHBP health center. Renovations included constructing offices, exam rooms, and dental labs, electrical upgrades, which meet the National Electrical Code for Health Care Facilities, additional plumbing, and repair of the historic exterior bricks.

Phase two renovations are scheduled to begin in February and will take place over the next few months. Phase two renovations will include the east side of the building, which will house the NHBP administrative side, including elder, youth, and educational programming, along with a fitness center for NHBP tribal

members. Final renovations, taking place this spring, include repaving of the parking lots, exterior paint and lighting, along with landscaping.

Media is invited to attend the Feb. 1, 2013 ribbon cutting ceremony and tour the building. Please RSVP to Lisa Barrett at 269.598.6753 or lbarrett@nhbpi.com.

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About The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

There are more than 1,200 Tribal Members. The Huron Potawatomi' primary Indian Health and Bureau of Indians Affairs Service Area covers Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Kent and Ottawa counties. The Tribe's administrative office is located at the Pine Creek Reservation in Athens Township with a satellite office in Grand Rapids, Mich. To better serve Members. For more information visit: www.nhbpi.com.