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Crowder College Receives One Million Dollar Donation

Neosho, MO – Crowder College President, Dr. Jennifer Methvin, graciously accepted a one million dollar donation Friday, July 11.

The donor, who has asked to remain anonymous, was attracted to Crowder because of its long-term focus on students and their success. The donation was made as a memorial in honor of the donor's late spouse. The gift was celebrated in a private reception attended by family members and Crowder College administrators, Trustees, and Foundation officers.

"This exceptionally generous gift will provide a wealth of opportunity for Crowder students. It has been a joy to get to know our new donor and the donor's family and to learn what strengths and opportunities they saw in Crowder College that made them want to invest in our students' futures. The donor has referred to this gift as *seed money*, and I have pledged that we will be good stewards of these funds, ensuring that the seeds grow into expanded opportunities for Crowder students," said Methvin.

The funds will be used by the Crowder College Foundation for scholarships, to support educational travel for students, and for academic program support and development. A portion of the money will be invested to build a fund that will continue to grow for future use. The donation is among the largest one-time donations received by the college and the largest non-capital gift received to date.

"It is a privilege for the Crowder College Foundation to accept this generous gift for Crowder College. The entire Crowder Family feels rewarded when a patron steps forward and says, 'I have confidence in what you are doing, I want to see you continue and I want to help.' Every gift makes a difference and this one will certainly impact the lives of many. On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to say thank you," stated Cindy Branscum, Director of Institutional Advancement.

The Crowder College Foundation, Inc., established in 1965, is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. The Foundation has a history of service to the institution through the creation of private funding vehicles that have enriched every facet of Crowder College.