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The Morgan Group makes million dollar donation to the Maitland Historical Society!

The Morgan Group has pledged \$1 million towards the Maitland Historical Society's vision to consolidate their locations at Lake Lily Park. \$500,000 of that donation was presented to the Society at a Maitland City Council meeting in December. The new Maitland Historical Society campus will be a learning center where visitors can explore the human experience through the stories of one Central Florida town. The historic campus will create an entirely new visitor experience where history will come alive!

The project will bring the Maitland Historical Museum and Telephone Museum collections, currently housed on Packwood Ave., over to the Society's Lake Lily Park location where the Waterhouse Residence Museum and Carpentry Shop Museum are currently located. The new campus will create a unique, holistic and interactive experience for visitors where a tour group can walk through an exhibit in the new museum and learn about William Waterhouse's dream for his family and then they can walk next door to tour the house he built and try their hand at woodworking in his carpentry shop. In addition, the Center will better showcase the Society's telephone collection through the story of local telephone pioneer Carl Galloway and create interactive opportunities for all ages to learn about telephone technology. The museum will focus of Maitland's rich heritage and use those stories to inspire visitors to explore the wider context of the human experience.

The Morgan Group began partnering with the Society several years ago. Immediately after joining the Maitland community, the Morgan Group saw the importance of the Society's mission. The Morgan Group has supported the Society through donations of their time and resources. The Morgan Group's Development Partner/Regional Vice President, Jon Wood, serves on the Society's Honorary Board.

"The Morgan Group is committed to making a lasting impact in the Maitland community, not just through our Village at Lake Lily project, which will soon serve as the gateway to Maitland, but through community partnerships and opportunities to demonstrate the value we place on the communities in which we develop," said Wood.

The Maitland Historical Society believes that one of the most important components of the planning process for the new museum is community participation. The Society will continue to hold public workshops and charrettes, and meet both informally and formally with stakeholders in the community to ensure that this project is community-driven.

The Society's Executive Director, Andrea Bailey Cox, remarks "This project represents the importance of preserving a community's heritage as it changes and grows so that future generations can appreciate history, take pride in their community, and learn about commonalities in the human experience."

To learn more about the planning for a new facility or to learn how you can help shape this exciting new community resource, contact the Executive Director at 407-644-2451.