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## **TI FOUNDATION HELPS ENRICH CULTURAL LIFE WITH \$500,000 GRANT TO THE EISEMANN CENTER**

The City of Richardson and Texas Instruments Foundation announced today a grant of \$500,000 from the TI Foundation to the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations to help fund the center’s much-needed Phase II capital projects. The donation will boost performance capabilities and enhance patron amenities, further establishing the Eisemann Center as one of the leading performing arts and corporate meeting facilities serving the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

“The Eisemann Center is an impressive facility that enriches cultural life in this community, so we are proud to be a part of this investment,” said Phil Ritter, TI senior vice president and TI Foundation board member. “We believe communities are one of our greatest resources, and the TI Foundation supports a range of civic, educational, and cultural movements – all with the specific purpose of enhancing the quality of community life.

Charles W. “Chuck” Eisemann, chair of the Major Gifts Committee said, “We thank the Texas Instruments Foundation for its generous gift to the Center. TI is known as a great corporate citizen and this is just one more example of the company giving back to the communities in which their employees live and work. This gift will enable the Center to move to the next the level of excellence.”

Consistent with Texas Instruments’ focus on technology, the TI Foundation’s grant will help fund the Eisemann Center’s future arts and technology needs. The City’s capital plans include a custom designed orchestra shell for the theater, additional interior and exterior signage, sound and lighting system upgrades, audiovisual equipment enhancements and facility system upgrades to enhance patron comfort.

The TI Foundation will also name the fountain that is located just outside the doors to the center. The fountain delights visitors while providing a technologically advanced, dramatic, and inspiring setting for patrons entering the Eisemann Center. The spectacular centerpiece has been featured during festivals with special orchestrated shows and has been enjoyed by thousands of children during warm months. A fountain naming ceremony will be held on July 9.

“Having been relocated to Richardson by Texas Instruments, I enjoyed 17 years at TI, and worked as Mayor to bring both TI wafer fabs to this city. I am extremely proud of and thankful for this gift from the Texas Instruments Foundation,” said Richardson city councilman and former mayor Gary Slagel. “TI continues to have a major impact on the character and history of Richardson.”

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“The City of Richardson wishes to thank the board of the TI Foundation for demonstrating their support of the city and the Eisemann Center with this generous gift. We applaud their commitment to quality of life and look forward to seeing their employees enjoying all that the Eisemann Center has to offer families in North Texas,” said Mayor Steve Mitchell.

Since opening its doors to arts patrons and corporate clients throughout the North Texas region in September 2002, the Eisemann Center has served over 1 million patrons, hosted more than 2,300 artistic and corporate events, and more than 200 volunteers have contributed over 43,000 hours. The economic development impact of the Eisemann Center is estimated at more than \$24 million over the past 5 years with more than \$64 million expected over the next 10 years.

TI’s headquarters has been in the Dallas area for more than 75 years and in its current location adjacent to Richardson for more than 50 years. Many TI employees and their families live in Richardson. Local partnerships between the community, the company and TI Foundation have included educational initiatives with the Richardson schools and interaction with numerous community organizations, as well as collaboration with the city for economic development and the University of Texas at Dallas for advanced research. TI selected Richardson from various sites worldwide for its latest semiconductor manufacturing facility.

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### **About the Charles W. Eisemann Center**

The Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations is located in Richardson’s Galatyn Park Urban Center at 2351 Performance Drive and serves the entire North Texas region. For more information on the facility or upcoming events, visit [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com).

### **About the City of Richardson, Texas**

Well known nationally and internationally as the Telecom Corridor area, Richardson is home to nearly 100,000 residents and a large, diverse and growing portfolio of businesses. Named as the Best Value in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in a study of top family-friendly locale, Richardson's community amenities include a highly qualified workforce, solid business partnerships, exceptional educational systems, strong neighborhood associations, high-quality medical facilities and first rate arts, entertainment and recreational opportunities. For more information, visit [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net).

### **About the Texas Instruments Foundation**

The Texas Instruments Foundation, founded in 1964, is a non-profit corporation providing philanthropic support for education, arts and culture, and community investment primarily in the communities where Texas Instruments has a presence. The Foundation has a primary focus of education. More information can be found at <http://www.ti.com/tifoundation>.