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YOUNG FRIENDS OF THE KRAVIS CENTER BEGIN SEASON WITH 'KRAVIS 2020' RECEPTION

(West Palm Beach, Fla.) –Young Friends of the Kravis Center members gathered on September 12, 2018 in the Center’s Shapiro Founders’ Room to kick off the upcoming season and learn more about the performing arts center’s \$50 million expansion project, *Kravis 2020: The Future is Now*. The Founders’ Room provides a bird’s-eye view of the project’s ongoing construction.

Kravis Center leadership in attendance included Judith Mitchell, CEO; Michael Bracci, Board Chairman; William Meyer, Board member and Chairman of the Operations Committee, which oversees the expansion project; Board member Bradley Hurston and Young Friends of the Kravis Center’s incoming Chair, Stephanie Glavin.

“Thank you all for being here this evening to learn more about *Kravis 2020: The Future is Now*,” said Mr. Bracci. “As you can see out the Founders’ Room window, we are making great strides. After 26 years, it was time to modernize this great performing arts center. We are excited about where the project is now and where it’s going.”

Mr. Bracci then introduced Mr. Meyer who presented detailed renderings of the project, which includes expanding the Dreyfoos Hall Lobby and implementing new technology throughout the venue. To make it easier for guests to enter and exit the performing arts center, the existing garage is being renovated and a new valet garage will be added.

Ms. Mitchell thanked Mr. Bracci and Mr. Meyer, along with the entire Kravis Center Board, for their hard work on the expansion project, which will improve the overall guest experience.

Talya Lerman, Kravis Center Development Manager, concluded the evening by introducing the Young Friends of the Kravis Center’s Chair, Stephanie Glavin who is Senior Vice President, Palm Beach County Local Market Manager for Bank of America.

“After serving on the committee for the Young Friends of the Kravis Center for the past five years, I am honored to serve as this year’s Chair,” said Ms. Glavin. “I am also pleased to announce the Young Friends Giving Circle, which will allow this amazing group of young professionals to have an opportunity to put their stamp on this vital institution’s future by contributing a collective gift to the Capital Campaign.”

The Young Friends of the Kravis Center are a giving group of young professionals, ages 25 to 49, committed to supporting arts and culture in Palm Beach County. Membership starts at \$125 annually. For more information, please contact Talya Lerman, Development Manager, at 561.651.4373 or lerman@kravis.org.

The Kravis Center is a not-for-profit performing arts center located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, FL. To enhance the customer experience, the Center is currently undergoing a \$50 million expansion project, titled *Kravis 2020: The Future is Now*. The Center's mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest quality, by offering comprehensive arts education programs – serving approximately 2.5 million schoolchildren since its inception; by providing a Palm Beach County home for local and regional arts organizations to showcase their work; and by providing an economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism to Palm Beach County. For information, please visit kravis.org or call the Box Office at 561.832.7469.

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