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Eastern National and Women's Rights National Historical Park Introduce Philanthropic Partnership

FORT WASHINGTON, PA — Eastern National, a not-for-profit cooperating association supporting the educational, scientific, historical, and interpretive activities of the National Park Service and other public trust partners, has announced a philanthropic partnership with Women's Rights National Historical Park in support of a new interpretive exhibit about the historic Wesleyan Chapel.

“Eastern National is an important partner to Women's Rights National Historical Park,” says park superintendent Ami Ghazala. “Their contribution will allow us to fabricate and install an exciting exhibit in the Wesleyan Chapel, the site of the First Women's Rights Convention.”

The Campaign for Wesleyan Chapel aims to raise \$25,000 to support the development, installation, and stewardship of an exhibit that will enhance visitors' understanding of the space. The chapel served as a haven for progressive conversation about gender equality and abolition for many years prior to hosting the First Women's Rights Convention in 1848, when it became the epicenter for the American suffrage movement.

The Wesleyan Chapel exhibit project was initiated by Women's Rights National Historical Park. Work is projected to start in autumn of 2017 and the expected completion is November 2018. As the park's cooperating association, Eastern National is ideally positioned to pilot a philanthropic partnership to help complete the project.

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“We’re delighted to expand our relationship with Women’s Rights National Historical Park to support such an important project,” says Kevin Kissling, Eastern National’s president and CEO. “The needs at national parks are constantly evolving, and Eastern National’s ability to grow our capabilities and offer additional support to our partners is critical to achieving our mission.”

In the spirit of honoring the men and women of the suffrage movement, donors are invited to make contributions to The Campaign for Wesleyan Chapel in honor or memory of a personal hero of their own. Honorees of tribute gifts will receive a special postcard featuring exhibit themes and imagery notifying them of the donor’s generosity.

Contributions to The Campaign for Wesleyan Chapel can be made online at www.easternnational.org/philanthropy, by sending a check to Eastern National’s headquarters, or by calling Karen Wernick at 267-464-7151.

Eastern National, a not-for-profit cooperating association, promotes the public’s understanding and support of America’s national parks and other public trust partners by providing quality educational experiences, products, and services. Since 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$142 million to the National Park Service in the form of direct donations and grants that support vital educational and interpretive programs in America’s national parks. Learn more at www.EasternNational.org.

The mission of Women’s Rights National Historical Park is to preserve and interpret for the education, inspiration and benefit of present and future generations, the nationally significant historical and cultural sites, structures, and events associated with the struggle for equal rights for women, and to cooperate with national, state, and local entities to preserve the character and historic setting of such sites, structures and events.

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