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### **Fryling Completes New Home of Grand Rapids Community Foundation**

Grand Rapids, MI 6 (October 20, 2008) Warm and inviting describes the new look for the previously neglected Anheuser-Bush Icehouse. Fryling Construction began the challenging renovation/build-out just 6 months ago, and today the red brick on 185 Oakes Street shines as the new home for the Grand Rapids Community Foundation

The icehouse was originally one of a network of rail-side refrigerated warehouses Anheuser-Busch built to cool cars of beer that were being shipped long distances. It's one of only two Anheuser-Busch icehouses still standing. The building was previously owned by Chemical Products, which had operated out of the building for more than 40 years.

Today the 20,000 square foot building has transformed into a three level office. The most interesting of features include a fireplace, translucent skylight covered bridge, the re-use of heavy, old wooden doors, and a very accommodating 24 person table conference room.

The building's historic features give the new office an interesting mix between contemporary and distinguished, both characteristics of the GRCF worth highlighting. It's no doubt the new office will carry the foundation well into its future of success.

Fryling is very proud to be part of this significant project. "It's been a great experience to give the Foundation a space of their own in downtown Grand Rapids by making use of an unused, historic building, all while doing it in an environmentally responsible way. I feel fortunate I could be involved with an organization that drives such positive change in our community," says Bill Pursifull, Project Manager for Fryling Construction. "I wish the Foundation many years of growth!"

The foundation intends to pursue Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification for the building, most likely LEED Silver certification.

Fryling Construction, a division of Wolverine Building Group, is a Grand Rapids based general contractor with more than 60 years of experience in the construction industry. Serving clients throughout Western and Central Michigan, Fryling specializes in multi-unit structures, historic renovations, tenant build-outs, and storefronts.

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