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### Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education Celebrates Grand Reopening

**CINCINNATI, OH-** The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education is proud to announce its relocation to the campus of Rockwern Academy in Sycamore Township. On the eve of Kristallnacht, or “The Night of Broken Glass,” the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education (CHHE) will dedicate its new space. The grand opening and Kristallnacht Commemoration will take place Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 pm at CHHE’s new location on the campus of Rockwern Academy.

CHHE, a not-for-profit organization devoted to teaching about the Holocaust and its lessons, recently moved from its previous home on the campus of Hebrew Union College to the campus of Rockwern Academy in Sycamore Township. For CHHE, the new space will pave the way to new opportunities and expansion for the organization and the services it provides. This change will allow CHHE to enlarge the centerpiece of its work, *Mapping Our Tears*, as well as provide for an increase in much-needed office and storage space. Additionally, Rockwern’s central location provides an opportunity for CHHE to reach new community members and advance its many educational efforts and programming.

At Rockwern, students will be encouraged to become more involved in learning about and accepting responsibility for passing on the important lessons learned from the tragedy of the Holocaust. Further, the organizational goals and mission of CHHE and Rockwern overlap in the area of teaching civic responsibility and social justice. The arrangement allows for collaboration between CHHE and Rockwern students and staff.

The decision to relocate to Rockwern Academy was made by CHHE’s Board in June, following months of research and exploration by CHHE’s Facilities Planning Committee. The move was formally announced at the annual board meeting on September 15.

“This is a great opportunity for our organization. It’s rare to have a museum and education center out in the suburbs, and this gives us a unique opportunity to reach new constituents. This is a chance for partnership with other communities and organizations,” says Sarah Weiss, Executive Director of CHHE.

The program marking 71 years after Kristallnacht includes remarks from local Holocaust survivor Werner Coppel, new CHHE President Mark Weisser, Rockwern students, and Representative Tyrone Yates. A ribbon-cutting, ceremonial mezuzah hanging, and

preview tours of the newly updated “Mapping Our Tears” exhibit will immediately follow.

“We have a unique approach to Holocaust education. The permanent exhibit shares the remarkable stories of local Holocaust survivors and eyewitnesses through innovative, interactive exhibits featuring their testimonies and artifacts,” says Sarah Weiss.

Ms. Weiss adds, “We are excited to share the newly expanded exhibit with the community. Every person who visits “Mapping Our Tears” is touched in some way by the stories of the survivors. In our new space, we will have even greater impact. Following the grand opening, “Mapping Our Tears” will be open for scheduled tours, and beginning in December the exhibit will be open to the public. We look forward to continuing to reach the hundreds of organizations and schools who tour the museum every year.”

The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education is located on the campus of Rockwern Academy at 8401 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact 513.487.3055 or [sweiss@holocaustandhumanity.org](mailto:sweiss@holocaustandhumanity.org) .

*The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education (CHHE) remembers, informs and transforms by teaching current and future generations about the Holocaust, its victims, and its lessons in order to foster tolerance, inclusion, social justice and civic responsibility.*