



Inspiring commitment to the Cathedral as a world-class treasure in our community

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Cathedral Heritage Foundation hosts 2nd Annual Cathedral Festival of Lights

(Saint Paul, Minn) The Cathedral monument has justifiably earned its place on the National Register of Historic Buildings and status as a civic icon. Preservation of this monumental masterpiece, however, requires steady, on-going maintenance and broad sources of funding for its preservation needs. To help raise the necessary restoration funding, the Cathedral Heritage Foundation will host the **Second Annual Cathedral Festival of Lights, Friday, September 28, 2012 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Saint Paul Hotel.**

Stanley S. Hubbard and Karen H. Hubbard have graciously agreed to serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of the event. “The Cathedral belongs to all of us. It’s an iconic landmark which gave the City its name and we must dedicate our support to preserve this valuable asset in Minnesota,” said Mr. Hubbard.

In addition to the support of the Hubbard Broadcasting family, Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and Connie Coleman will be supporting the restoration fundraiser by their attendance of the event.

The Cathedral has served as a majestic venue for high-profile community celebrations and more somber events. Millions of media viewers worldwide saw the floodlit image of the Cathedral illuminating the *Red Bull Crashed Ice* event in January. As a historic site, the Cathedral is a field trip destination for school children and tourists from around the region and the world, and hosts close to 200,000 visitors a year. Music lovers praise its unique acoustic and regularly return for its annual concert series featuring international and local performers. In times of crisis, the civic community has gathered at the Cathedral to reflect and mourn. Because the Cathedral is open without charge from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day, these experiences are available to everyone.

The editors of *City Pages* clearly share our admiration, naming Cathedral of Saint Paul the Twin Cities’ “Best Building” for 2012, with these words: “*The magnificent stone edifice, with its great copper-clad dome, overlooks the city of St. Paul from its perch on Summit Hill with an angelic grace, a testament to, at the very least, human engineering and perseverance.*”

If you would like to support this fundraising initiative, find more information at cathedralheritagefoundation.org

Cathedral Hours: The Cathedral doors are open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Guided tours are given year round Monday through Friday at 1 p.m. except on Holy Days and civil holidays. No appointment necessary. More information at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org.