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## **HPU COMMISSIONS NEW MINIATURE TRAIN FOR CITY LAKE PARK**

**HIGH POINT, NC (February 7, 2017)** – A popular attraction for families in High Point will keep chugging thanks to a gift from High Point University.

For nearly 25 years, High Point City Lake Park's miniature train has provided more than 50,000 rides annually to local residents. In recent years, however, the train began to show its age. It required constant, extensive repairs that eventually became unsustainable, and staff feared they may lose one of the park's icons.

HPU has commissioned a new locomotive to be built by C.P. Huntington Train in Wichita, Kansas, for approximately \$188,500 so families can continue to enjoy all of the park's offerings. City Lake Park will receive the new locomotive this summer, and HPU will dedicate it to the City of High Point.

"City Lake Park has provided a safe place for families to fellowship for generations," said Dr. Nido Qubein, HPU president. "High Point University is proud to provide the gift of time spent together and the opportunity to create lasting memories."

Lee Tillery, the City of High Point's Parks and Recreation Director reflected on the importance of the train to the community.

"The citizens of High Point and the region have enjoyed this attraction at City Lake Park for many years. The train is an icon at City Lake Park, and we thank HPU for ensuring the legacy will continue for future generations," he said.

High Point Mayor Bill Bencini said the gift reflects HPU's total commitment to High Point.

"HPU always answers the call, whether it's this important attraction, making the lead \$100,000 gift to the YMCA Splash Park, donating \$110,000 to the High Point Fire Department, giving \$10,000 to High Point Community Against Violence, opening the HPU Community Center for dozens of community events, raising nearly a quarter million dollars through their United Way Campaign, or many other impactful initiatives," Bencini said. "Our city and our university work together to make our community stronger."

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