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**Jay and Betty Van Andel Legacy Awards
Honor Community Leaders on November 10**

Grand Rapids, MI (September 12, 2011) – The Grand Rapids Public Museum will celebrate a legacy of leadership at the third annual **Jay and Betty Van Andel Legacy Awards** on November 10, 2011 from 5:30-10 pm at 272 Pearl St. David and Carol Van Andel and Dan and Lou Ann Gaydou will host the event that honors three community leaders for their impact upon West Michigan.

Award recipients include **Steele and Mary Taylor**, who will be presented the Jay and Betty Van Andel Lifetime Achievement Award; **James B. Fahner, MD**, who will receive the Dave and Carol Van Andel Leadership Award; and **Sam Cummings**, who is “The Casey” Award winner, named for Casey Wondergem. The award recipients were selected for their personal leadership within the community, their commitment to advancing the Grand Rapids Public Museum and their demonstration of character in inspiring others.

The evening of celebration features a strolling dinner party, award presentation and admission to the Museum. Guests will also enjoy a preview of **BIG STUFF from the Permanent Collection** prior to its public opening on November 12.

The Public Museum is a collector of treasures, a motivator and resource for life-long learning, and a community partner in the pursuit of insight and understanding. For information, go to grmuseum.org or call 616.456.3977.

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