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World Food Prize dedicates \$29.8 million building in honor of Norman Borlaug *Ceremony celebrates the life of recently deceased World Food Prize founder*

(Des Moines, IA) – Friends and admirers of the late Dr. Norman Borlaug gathered at the Norman E. Borlaug Hall of Laureates on Wednesday, October 14, to celebrate the life and work of the Iowa native and 1970 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

The event marked the official transfer of the century-old former Des Moines Public Library to the World Food Prize Foundation, which has signed a 50-year lease on the building with an option to renew for an additional 50 years. Work is currently underway to transform the building into the Norman E. Borlaug Hall of Laureates, an enduring testament to Dr. Borlaug's humanitarian legacy.

“The Hall of Laureates will ensure that the legacy and spirit of Dr. Norman Borlaug will continue to inspire Borlaug-like achievements in the fight against hunger well into the 22nd Century,” said **Ambassador Kenneth Quinn**, president of the World Food Prize Foundation.

In addition to Quinn, the event also included remembrances of Dr. Borlaug by: **Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge; Bill Borlaug and Jeanie Borlaug Laube**, Dr. Borlaug's children; **A.S. Clausi**, co-founder and former chairman of the World Food Prize; and **Miss Iowa 2009 Anne Michael Langguth**, who served as a Borlaug-Ruan International Intern. As part of the ceremony, the World Food Prize Foundation also unveiled an original portrait of Dr. Borlaug by artist **Chas Fagan** commissioned for permanent display in the Hall of Laureates.

Once completed, the \$29.8 million restored Hall of Laureates will be open to the public, serving as: a museum to recognize great achievements in agriculture; a convocation center at which to hold the Norman E. Borlaug International Symposium, known as the “Borlaug Dialogue;” a home for the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute; an educational facility featuring interactive displays on hunger and food security; and a conference center and community hall available to other groups and organizations for their meetings and events.

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The World Food Prize was founded by Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, recipient of the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize and the 2007 Congressional Gold Medal. Since 1986, The World Food Prize has honored outstanding individuals who have made vital contributions to improving the quality, quantity or availability of food throughout the world. In 1990, Des Moines businessman and philanthropist John Ruan assumed sponsorship of The Prize and established The World Food Prize Foundation, located in Des Moines, Iowa.