



# Statement from the Incoming Chairman of the Carson Center Board

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As the incoming chairperson of the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center, I would like to share with you my thoughts regarding the community impact of our regional events center. In addition, I would like to touch on my priorities for the coming year.

The Carson Center is the “Crown Jewel” of our community and region. It has become a gathering place for our citizens. On any given day, one may witness a Broadway play, a high school prom, a symphony performance, a business conference or a church service! Our Carson Center has changed the face of the region, forever!

The Carson Center has become an economic engine. Studies reveal that only 45% of those persons attending performances at the Center are from McCracken County. The regional pull and economic impact of our events center is enormous. Therefore, it is imperative that we continue to ensure its financial success. As Chairman, my number one priority will be to guard the financial integrity of the Carson Center.

Carson Center board members are constantly reminded that the stakeholders of our Center are the residents of our community. With that in mind, we will continue to provide a diverse spectrum of programming and events, and will encourage active participation by all citizens.

Our regional events center is a youthful entity, and is still growing in scope and influence. I believe that the Carson Center is strategically and uniquely positioned to provide a strong leadership role in unifying and expanding cooperation among the region’s arts organizations. In the future, our citizens, and more importantly our children, will enjoy even greater opportunities as a result of the Carson Center.

In closing, I would like to thank John A. Williams, Sr. for his outstanding leadership as board chairman during the past several years. In addition, I wish to thank the Carson Center Board for giving me the opportunity to serve our community as the “cheerleader” for the regions premier events center.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Stone