

**HAL & CHARLIE PETERSON FOUNDATION ISSUES CHALLENGE GRANT FOR KERRVILLE GARDEN;
HUCKABEE ADDS ENDORSEMENT AS SUPPORT FOR SCULPTURE GARDEN GROWS**

Kerrville, TX – Support for **The Coming King Foundation (TCKF)** and its prototype **Sculpture Prayer Garden** is growing in the Texas Hill Country and across the nation, as evidenced by a recent “Challenge Grant” issued on 11/23/10. Endorsements and support have been increasing for the planned 23 acre sculpture Garden that is being built at the main entrance to Kerrville since 7/27/10 when the massive 70 ton, red/brown, 77’7” **“The Empty Cross”** Cor-tin steel sculpture was erected on top of the 1,930’ hill overlooking IH-10. The Garden is located approximately halfway between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans on IH-10, at the same latitude as Israel. Even the terrain and plant life look like the Holy Land. Over 3,500 massive 1.25 ton limestone blocks are being used to create a dramatic landscape.

TCKF, the non-profit 501c3 arts organization building the Garden, announced that it just received a \$125,000 “Challenge Grant” from the **Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation** of Kerrville last week. This gift is among the largest gifts awarded this year by the highly respected benevolent foundation. Brian Oehler, General Manager of the foundation, said: ***“The Foundation is pleased to see the Garden plan move forward so that this important landmark is more accessible to the public.”*** . The **Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation** will match every dollar given to **TCKF** between now and May 31, 2011 up to \$125,000.

TCKF President Max Greiner, Jr. said: ***“We thank the HC Peterson Foundation for its generosity, support, and endorsement of our Garden vision for Kerrville. If enough citizens will make a gift now before the end of 2010, it will be possible to officially open the free Garden park to the public in 2011. Let this Challenge Grant be your Christmas gift to Jesus so others might know the love of God!”***

Recently, former Governor, presidential candidate and nationally-syndicated media host Mike Huckabee sent his endorsement for the Garden, saying: ***“Max Greiner had a vision for a Garden filled with sculpture, not to promote art, but to promote Jesus Christ. On the pathway to bringing the vision of the Sculpture Prayer Garden into fruition, there has not been an obstacle that God has not overcome. If you want to be involved in reaching out to hundreds, thousands – even millions – who need Christ in their life, pray for the completion of the Garden and give financially if God leads the way.”***

Many other notable Christians have prayed for the success of the unique Garden vision including: Franklin Graham, James Dobson, Rick Warren, Pat Robertson, Paul Crouch, Joni & Marcus Lamb, Jesse Duplantis, John Hagee, Max Lucado, the late Bill Bright and Oral Roberts, to name just a few.

TCKF is building the multimillion dollar project on faith in God without debt, public tax money or professional fundraisers. Two million dollars have been donated and spent on the project to date. The beautiful Hill Country park will feature over a dozen monumental, Christ-honoring sculptures created by various artists. About \$3,000,000 worth of sculptures have already been donated by three internationally collected Christian artists, Beverly Paddleford, David Broussard and Max Greiner, Jr. The

valuable land on IH-10 was donated by the Hershel Reid family for the glory of God. Hundreds of Christians across America have donated their time, talents and treasure to see this “Tabernacle Garden” built to honor Jesus Christ.

The unique non-denominational Christian park will feature the Gospel written on 16” Scripture Tiles, in multiple languages, in a 300’ cross-shaped Garden at the top of the hill. Visitors will be inspired by monumental sculptures throughout the Garden that depict Bible verses and principles. Walking trails, picnic areas, wildlife observation areas, artisans’ areas and restrooms will also be built. When sufficient funds are received, **TCKF** plans to build a wedding chapel, amphitheater and visitors center, along with several Christ-honoring and values-based historical museums.

Many people believe this Kerrville **Sculpture Prayer Garden** when completed will draw visitors from across the USA and world, and be one of the top “free” tourist destinations in the state of Texas. As a result, it will create a financial boon for the area. Kerrville’s City Manager and the Director of the **Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau** both support the project because of the benefits that will come to the small community.

The Kerrville Garden is the “prototype” for many other Christ-honoring Gardens that will be built across the USA and world. Garden #2 is currently being built south of Minneapolis on IH-35 by **Christian Family Church** of Owatonna, MN. These **Sculpture Prayer Gardens** are seen as a new way to serve the public and introduce people to God.

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