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“Journey of the Tracks” Brings Stockton Full-Circle in Expansion of Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center

Authentic Railroad Tracks Over Which Holocaust Victims Were Transported to Arrive at The Richard Stockton College of NJ on Friday, October 3rd at 1:00 PM

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Galloway Twp., NJ – The Holocaust Resource Center at the Richard Stockton College of NJ is in the midst of its first major expansion and renovation since its 1990 founding. The project will double the Center’s size and offer more learning opportunities for educators, students in grades kindergarten through 12, and undergraduate and graduate college students. The expanded opportunities include workshops and seminars for teaching character education, prejudice reduction, and the history of the Holocaust and other genocides. Enhanced areas for study and research and electronic classroom technology will be updated. In essence it will soon be an entirely new Center.

In the spring of 2006, focus groups met at Stockton to review the architectural plans of Martin Blumberg who was designing The Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The focus group members were Holocaust survivors and their families as well as community leaders. The focus groups wanted an entrance that conveyed the impact of lessons within the The Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center. Architect Martin Blumberg suggested a design that incorporated railroad tracks into the entrance to the Center. The tracks would be symbolic of the network of trains in Europe during World War II, the chief mode of transportation taking Holocaust victims from the ghettos to the death camps. Blumberg contacted a railroad track company that supplied Amtrak to obtain the rails to be used in the design. “It was a great idea,” Gail Rosenthal, Director of the Center said, “an idea worthy of authentic tracks used in the *Shoah*.”

College President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., Dean of General Studies, Dr. G. Jan Colijn, and the Holocaust Resource Center Executive Committee and a myriad of community supporters made this vision a reality.

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One of the first calls made was to Dr. Michael Berenbaum, a former Ida E. King Distinguished

