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## **USMM Announces \$1 Million Gift from Northwest Arkansas Donor Laurice A. Hachem Dedicated to Supporting a Noble Cause**

FORT SMITH, Ark. (April 4, 2019) – The United States Marshals Museum announced today a \$1 million donation from real estate investor - turned developer and philanthropist in Northwest Arkansas Laurice A. Hachem.

“Making a significant contribution to the United States Marshals Museum was a noble decision for me. This worthwhile institution will not only be a cultural destination for Fort Smith, but it will also showcase civic literacy and our Constitution which will be a tourism and economic beacon for the River Valley.”

Hachem, President of Hachem Investments, began her real estate investment and development business with her late husband Sam Hachem over 35 years ago in Southern California, moving to Tampa in 1988, then to Montreal from 2001-2007. She is now making her mark in Northwest Arkansas as a visionary and a business player in the area.

“I decided to move to the area in 2017 after having family members research NWA,” Hachem said. “This is one of the safest and best places to live in America, not to mention the beautiful scenery that you wake up to day after day. There are so many successful business men and women in a small radius. The culture here is incredible.”

A philanthropist at heart, Hachem saw the opportunity that the Marshals Museum would bring to the area and wanted to be a part of making it a reality. Hachem has given to several other worthwhile nonprofits across the country and is proud and excited to be a part of Arkansas and America’s cultural heritage. Board opportunities for Hachem include St. Joseph’s Hospital Foundation, American Red Cross Tiffany Circle, American Red Cross Angels, and the William W. Root Society. Hachem currently sits on the United States Marshals Museum Foundation board.

“The Marshals Museum will be a place of education, conversation and culture for children and adults of every age. I’m proud to be a part of the history of American and of moving the Museum closer to grand opening,” Hachem stated.

### **About the United States Marshals Museum**

The future United States Marshals Museum will be a national Museum located on the riverfront in Fort Smith, Ark. Once open, the United States Marshals Museum will tell the story of our nation’s oldest federal law enforcement agency from its establishment by President George Washington through current day. The Museum will honor the sacrifice of Marshals killed in the line of duty, as well as those who continue to place their lives in harm’s way, as they enforce the Constitution. For more information, visit [usmmuseum.org](http://usmmuseum.org).

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