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**CCDC Announces \$500,000 Grant Award from the Milanovich Family  
in support of the Coraopolis Train Station Restoration Project**

**CORAOPOLIS, PA, November 19, 2021** -- Coraopolis Community Development Corporation (CCDC) is pleased to announce a grant award of \$500,000 from Fred and Linda Milanovich in support of the revitalization of the Coraopolis Train Station located at 314 Mill Street in the Borough of Coraopolis.

The grant will support the continued redevelopment of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad passenger station at Mill Street and Neville Way originally built by the firm of Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge in 1896. It will also serve as a matching grant for subsequent donations to the station, doubling the impact of each gift. The CCDC will leverage this matching gift to launch a public capital campaign for the project in 2022.

Once complete, the station will house the Coach Fred Milanovich Center for Community Connection and serve as an events center for rentals and private parties, meetings, educational seminars, and gatherings of all kinds. Additionally, the center will serve as a companion site for a small business incubator currently in development by the CCDC.

This legacy gift honors the Milanovich family's strong ties to the Coraopolis community. Fred Milanovich, Sr. was a beloved educator, football, and basketball coach at Coraopolis High School (predecessor to Cornell School District) from 1945-1960.

Fred Milanovich, Jr. offered the following statement:

*"In his later years my father's conversation often drifted back to his days in Cory. Quite simply, he loved the community and cherished his experiences there!"*

Through this support, the Milanovich family joins the train station's dedicated individual donor base and key partners including the Allegheny Foundation, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development Keystone Communities grant program, and the Pennsylvania Cultural Infrastructure and Tourism Fund.

### **About the Coraopolis Train Station Project**

The Coraopolis Train Station Project is the CCDC's first restoration project. The long-neglected Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad passenger station at Mill Street and Neville Way was built by the firm of Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, successors of Henry Hobson Richardson, and completed in 1896. The station, a valuable example of Richardsonian Romanesque Revival architecture, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places (79002156) in 1978, but sadly has been exposed to the elements for years due to a deteriorating roof. The CCDC purchased the station to restore the building for use as a community gathering space in the heart of downtown Coraopolis. As a bicycle gateway, the station is situated near the junction of three trail networks: The Montour Trail, The Ohio River Trail and the Three Rivers Heritage Trail System. The station will be a central stop for cyclists and a link to emerging bicycle culture in Coraopolis. Construction has been ongoing and the station received a new roof in 2020. To learn more, please visit: [www.coraopolisrainstationproject.org](http://www.coraopolisrainstationproject.org)

### **About Coraopolis Community Development Corporation**

Coraopolis Community Development Corporation (CCDC - formerly Coraopolis Community Development Foundation) is a small nonprofit organization with a mission of working toward the equitable growth and revitalization of Coraopolis by providing residents with tools to lead to self-sufficiency; continuing to grow the town's business district; and improving the overall quality of life. With humble beginnings as a grassroots effort in 2006, the CCDC has steadily grown its food security and community development programs in its service area of Coraopolis, Neville Island, Moon Township, Crescent Township, and Groveton. To learn more, please visit: [www.corycdc.org](http://www.corycdc.org)

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