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Von Braun Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – Among all of the exciting events that are held at the Von Braun Center, the most anticipated of these will be the groundbreaking ceremony being held on Friday, February 5th at 2:00 p.m. This ceremony will celebrate the commencement of the renovation of the Propst Arena and the Mark C. Smith Concert Hall.

The Arena, built in 1975, will be refurbished and given a more modern look thanks to the \$5 million donation of Bill Propst, Sr. and his family. The Propst Arena will have VIP suites, additional restrooms and a beautiful glass frontage that overlooks Big Spring Park.

A \$3 million contribution by the Linda and Mark C. Smith Family Foundation was the catalyst for the renovation of the Concert Hall. The Mark C. Smith Concert Hall will be updated with a new grand staircase, a center aisle in the seating area and complete a face lift on the façade of the building.

In attendance will be Huntsville City Officials, Von Braun Center Board Members and Von Braun Center Management. This event is open to the public and will be held directly in front of the entrance to the Concert Hall. Should there be inclement weather, the event will be moved inside to the Von Braun Center Playhouse.

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