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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### DON WOOD FOUNDATION RECEIVES GIFT IN-KIND OF PROPERTY AT DUPONT AND AUBURN

The Don Wood Foundation, a private foundation dedicated to the advancement of manufacturing in the region, has purchased a new office building to headquarter their operations.

Currently headquartered in Columbia City, the Don Wood Foundation will be relocating to Fort Wayne. Renovations to the new building are expected to be completed by the fall of 2021.

Barry Sturges and Kyle Witwer, partners of Sturges Property Management, generously donated the parcel that included the driveway and egress to the Don Wood Foundation offices located at 10315 Dupont Circle Drive West. The driveway and egress sat on a separate parcel than the building that was included in the initial sale.

"We are grateful for the donation from Barry Sturges and Kyle Witwer that allows for the easy entry and exit of our staff, Board of Trustees, and community members. We are eager to bring our foundation's headquarters to Fort Wayne where we can continue our intent to provide grants that are regionally-focused," said board chair John Wood.

"Kyle and I collectively believe in the mission of the Don Wood Foundation and know this organization is poised to work alongside community partners that will focus on creating great potential for talent development to meet the skilled workforce gap in Northeast Indiana," said Barry Sturges, CEO for Sturges Property Management. "We are honored to provide this contribution to the foundation following the purchase of the building."

The Don Wood Foundation serves to align opportunities between students, community, and industry by growing and strengthening the manufacturing sector in the region. To learn more about the Don Wood Foundation, visit their website at [www.DonWoodFoundation.org](http://www.DonWoodFoundation.org).

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Pictured is Barry Sturges (left) of Sturges Property Management and John Wood (right) of the Don Wood Foundation