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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

**ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC BEGINS THE LONG ROAD BACK AFTER
SUFFERING OVER \$500,000 IN DAMAGES DUE TO AN ELECTRICAL
FIRE**

GLEN ECHO, MD – After an electrical fire on March 2, 2018, Adventure Theatre MTC, the longest running theatre for children in the Washington, DC area, suffered over \$500,000 in smoke and water damages to its business headquarters in Glen Echo Park, MD. Additionally, lost operations over 6 days and 9 cancelled performances resulted in an additional \$27,000 in lost revenue.

At approximate 1:30 am on March 2nd, Montgomery County Fire Department was called to the scene of a fire in historic Glen Echo Park where flames were already seeping out of the Turret located above the iconic theatre. Captain Gettig says of the fire began in the Turret/loft area above Adventure Theatre MTC's main offices from an electrical wire. No personnel were on site at the time, and there were no injuries.

While Adventure Theatre MTC is able to continue to create theatre for young audiences among the ashes, the damage is significant. The National Parks Service, which owns the property, will conduct the structural repairs. However, offices will need to be rebuilt and refurnished. Adventure Theatre MTC will have to replace equipment, furniture, flooring, tile, carpets, drywall, and several lighting systems.

Michael J. Bobbitt, Artistic Director says of the damage, "It's just heartbreaking to see all that we've worked for, our home and our history, in turmoil like this. We are so grateful to the people who have reached out to us already, but there is a long road ahead to get us back up to where we were."

Leon Seemann, Managing Director of Adventure Theatre MTC states, "The theater's insurance will cover part of the costs, but there will be a gap that the theater will need to cover. In order to get us fully up and running by mid-May in time for our 40th anniversary of our Summer Musical Theatre Camp, we need to find resources for repairs." Adventure Theatre MTC is raising money on its website through a "#FilltheGap" campaign. Additionally, once a full inventory has been completed, there will be a call for in-kind donations and volunteers to assist with furniture, computer equipment, and restoration projects.

Several area theatres have already scheduled benefit events to help raise money to #FillTheGap. For more information on how to help, visit <http://www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org/givetoatmtc/update.html>. Phone calls may be made to its Wintergreen Plaza location, 301-251-5766.

ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC

Located in Historic Glen Echo Park and Wintergreen Plaza (Rockville, MD) Adventure Theatre MTC (ATMTC) educates and inspires new generations of theater artists and audiences with exceptional theatrical experiences.

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