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## **NEW, MODERN SPACE OPENS TO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT**

### **Press Release**

GREAT BEND, KS—November 12, 2013—Grace Community Church announces the November 16th, 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., opening of The Loft, located at 210 McKinley Street, to community high school students.

The Loft, under the direction of Student Ministries Pastor, Jon Kelly, is dedicated to offering the community's high school youth a safe, pro-social environment to spend time with friends and make new friends too. The Loft has been created exclusively for high schoolers and features many design elements with them in mind. One of these is a coffee bar with specialty coffee drinks, hot chocolate, pastries and other food items available for purchase at a reasonable cost.

"We are excited about what the opening of this building means to the high schoolers of our community. The people of Grace Community Church believe in investing in youth. It's been amazing to see everything for this project come together!" said Jon Kelly.

The Loft once was a privately owned garage on a property just north of Grace Community Church. The church purchased the garage and the attached lot in 2011. Since then the building has undergone major construction and is now an approximate 2,000 square foot, sleek and modern space for high school students to enjoy. Jennifer Flick, a formally trained interior designer, and Scott Schenkel of Schenkel Construction Co. Inc., led the way in the design and building of The Loft. In addition, countless volunteers from Grace Community's congregation worked tirelessly to help bring the project to completion.

Jennifer Flick explained, "I love modern design, there's something so exciting yet classic about it. I wanted to give Grace's high school students something that was truly theirs. I drew on my experiences from working and living in large cities. I was thrilled when Pastor Jon Kelly let me run with my vision. All of these elements that I've seen, loved, admired...I got to combine them in a way that made the space lively and welcoming at the same time. I really wanted the community to have a piece of the city close by. I hope the design communicates this. It was a true joy and an honor to be the interior designer on this project."

The Loft will be open every Sunday night for youth group from 6:00-8:30 p.m. (with the exception of the 12/1 and 12/29 holiday weekends) and every Saturday as a coffee house from 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. from November 16 to December 14. Students must show their high school ID to enter. Special Christmas break hours and a 2014 Loft schedule is to be determined and will be released by mid-December.

Grace Community Church is also hosting a Chamber After Hours Event this Thursday from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., including a brief program and ribbon cutting ceremony at 6:00 p.m., to showcase the The Loft.

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Grace Community Church is located at 210 McKinley Street, Great Bend, Kansas. Grace Community is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and exists to lead people to an abiding relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information on the ministries of Grace Community Church please call 620-792-7814.

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