

A GRAND REOPENING FOR A CUDAHY BUSINESS WITH A GRAND HISTORY OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

CUDAHY – (Nov, 5, 2010) -- A Cudahy institution celebrated a milestone last week, complete with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a cake.

Layton Hearing Professionals/Dr. E.J. Tomasik and Associates Optometrists (3552 E. Layton Ave.) held a grand reopening on Friday, October 29th, after taking advantage of the City's Façade Improvement Program to rehabilitate the exterior of their historic downtown building. Improvements include new front steps, landscaping and signage.

Dr. Edward J. Tomasik moved to Cudahy in the 1940s after graduating from the Monroe College of Optometry in Chicago. He bought the doctor's office and residence on Layton Avenue, where he ran his practice and raised four children (Joe, Cindy, Lori and Annie) with his wife Delores.

Edward died in August of 2004. Delores and daughter Cindy Tomasik Seeman have continued his legacy of providing hearing and vision care for the community.

They were on hand for the grand reopening celebration, along with family, friends, colleagues, Cudahy Mayor Tony Day, Director of Economic Development Lara Fritts and First District Alderman Joe Mikolajczak.

"Dad was the son of Polish immigrants," Cindy said. "He chose Cudahy for its community of people of Polish heritage and its natural beauty. He was very proud of Cudahy."

Cindy and Delores have continued to operate Layton Hearing Professionals/Dr. E.J. Tomasik and Associates Optometrists, as well as open new locations in Franklin and Milwaukee. The Layton Avenue office has not offered eye exams for some time, but those services will begin again in January.

The Cudahy Department of Economic Development launched the Façade Improvement Program in the summer of 2009, providing design and construction grants to property owners who want to improve the curb appeal of their downtown businesses.

Nearly two dozen buildings are participating in the program.

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