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Cathedral Arts Project Awarded National Endowment for the Arts Grant

Jacksonville, FL –

The Cathedral Arts Project (CAP) is happy to announce that the organization has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth program.

Cathedral Arts was one of only 171 grants awarded to arts agencies throughout the United States through the Learning in the Arts initiative.

The grant was given in support of CAP's free, after-school classes in the visual and performing arts and will allow CAP to expand its services to disadvantaged elementary school students in Duval County.

The National Endowment of the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education.

Cathedral Arts Project was established in 1993 by St. John's Episcopal Cathedral to serve disadvantaged children in Duval County through arts-based, after-school programming. Today, CAP has grown to become the largest provider of FREE, ongoing and standards-based instruction in the visual and performing arts for public school students in Duval County. Each week, CAP serves over 1,000 children with classes in dance, drama, music and visual arts.

CAP's mission is to enrich the quality of life in Northeast Florida through unleashing the creative spirit of young people. By providing access to instruction in the visual and performing arts, we empower underserved, school-aged children to succeed in all areas of their lives.

The Cathedral Arts Project is funded in part by the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, The City of Jacksonville, Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. For further information, contact Melanie Messer, Director of Community Relations, at (904) 281-5599, ext.18.

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