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Cathedral Arts Project Awarded Aetna Foundation Grant

Jacksonville, FL –

The Aetna Foundation has granted the Cathedral Arts Project \$20,000 for general operating expenses during 2008. Aetna has a long history of leadership and commitment to working with its community partners to shape a healthier America. Through the Aetna Foundation, Aetna has supported America's most compelling issues in its home state of Connecticut and nationally.

The Aetna Foundation has strengthened disease prevention programs; helped revitalize neighborhoods; supported the arts, education and people in need; and listened to the voices of difference that shape our nation.

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. Over 1,300 students are enrolled in Cathedral Arts' afterschool classes this school year.

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.

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