



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 17, 2008

Contact: Melanie Messer
Office: (904) 281-5599, ext. 18
E-mail: Melanie@capkids.org

Wayne and Delores Weaver to Serve as Honorary Chairs of Angel of the Arts

Jacksonville, FL –

J. Wayne & Delores Barr Weaver have signed on as Honorary Chairs of the 2008 Angels of the Arts campaign to benefit Cathedral Arts. Cathedral Arts provides afterschool programming for over 1,200 youth in high-need neighborhoods throughout Duval County.

“An important reason why we support Cathedral Arts is because it has proven to be extremely effective,” said Delores Weaver, Chair, Weaver Family Foundation. For the third year in a row, 8 out of 10 students in the Cathedral Arts showed measurable improvement in grades, behavior, anger management and communication skills.

Guardian Angels who make a contribution of \$1,000 or more will be invited to a private reception later in late October at the Ortega riverfront home of Helen Lane. The wines for the evening will be from the award-winning vineyards of Fidelity National Chairman, Bill Foley, and his wife, Carol.

“For the third year in a row, our results have convinced us that participation in the arts is a catalyst for extraordinary change in our city’s youth – change that sets them up to succeed in school and in life,” remarked Kimberly Hyatt, Executive Director of Cathedral Arts. “As one of our parents put it, ‘This is what every child needs.’”

Cathedral Arts, our vision is for every child to have access to a well-rounded, arts-rich education that endows his or her spirit with the imagination, self-confidence and strength of character that inspires great leadership and a will to succeed.

“For many of our students, when they create a work of art, or complete a musical or dance performance, it is the first time in their lives that they have accomplished something positive and beautiful,” explained Hyatt. “Seeing their work on exhibit, or hearing applause while on stage, they realize that they can be successful, and as such have a future beyond their current social and economic situations. They become motivated to set goals, finish school and become productive members of our community.”

Cathedral Arts was established in 1993 to serve disadvantaged children in Duval County through arts-based, after-school programming. Today, we have 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. Cathedral Arts 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.

###

Executive Director
The Reverend Kimberly L. Hyatt

President
Darnell Smith

President Elect
Susan Greene

Immediate Past President
Michael D. Rowley

Vice President
The Very Reverend
Edward H. Harrison

Secretary
Thomas M. Donahoo, Jr.

Treasurer
Charles V. Hedrick

Board of Directors
Wendy S. Anderson
Martha Barrett
Crystal Bernier
Elaine Brown
Jerry Chappell
Gregory Curry
T. Wayne Davis
Sandy Deardoff
Heather Duncan
Alan Fickling
Leigh Fogle
Carol J. Foley
Charlie Margiotta
Debbie Park
Charlene Shirk
Lisa Stinson
Paul Tyler

Advisory Council
David H. Busse
The Right Rev. &
Mrs. Frank S. Cerveny
Retired RADM Kevin F. Delaney
Preston Haskell
Dr. Anne Hopkins
Douglas J. Milne
Holly Murphy
Willard Payne, Jr.
Kathryn Pearson Peyton, M.D.
Ed Pratt-Dannals
Linda Stein
Delores Barr Weaver
Jim Winston