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Cathedral Arts receives grant from The Manilow Music Project

Jacksonville, FL – Cathedral Arts Project (CAP) is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of a \$1,500 grant from The Manilow Music Project in support of CAP's all-male drumming ensemble at R.L. Brown Elementary School. Funding from the Music Project will be used to purchase 15 new concert drums for the program.

The drumming program at R.L. Brown was created to empower young boys to channel their energy and excitement in a healthy, rewarding manner. Students are given the opportunity to discover art in a safe setting that serves as a springboard to art exploration and appreciation.

"You can only imagine how thrilled we - and the students - were to learn that Barry Manilow had heard about our project and was going to help," remarked Kimberly Hyatt, Executive Director. "In addition to Mr. Manilow, we have seen such a great response from the community that we have been able to double the number of boys we were going to serve in this program. It goes to show you that even in tough economic times, people are so willing to step up to the plate to make a difference."

In September, The Manilow Music Project donated \$500,000 worth of instruments and music to 20 public middle and high schools in the three Palm Springs, CA school districts. The Manilow Music Project operates under its parent charity, The Manilow Fund for Health & Hope, which was created by Barry Manilow to support local, grassroots organizations that promote education, health and care. This year, The Manilow Fund for Health & Hope will be donating funds to organizations that focus on cancer, AIDS, children's issues, victims of abuse, the homeless, and music 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 leading 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 1,200 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, CAP empowers 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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