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## **Cathedral Arts honors donors at Angel of the Arts**

**Jacksonville, Fla. – (Nov.16, 2009)** - To recognize major donors who supported after-school arts education this past year, Cathedral Arts recently held its sixth annual Angel of the Arts reception. For the third consecutive year, Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver served as honorary chairs for the Angels of the Arts campaign to benefit Cathedral Arts.

Cathedral Arts aims to give every child 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.

Presenting sponsors were Aetna and Multiple Benefit Services. “Guardian Angels” who contributed \$1,000 or more to Cathedral Arts attended the private reception at the home of Randy and Linda Quirk in Glen Kernan. Fidelity National Chairman Bill Foley and his wife Carol provided the evening’s wines from their award-winning vineyards. The campaign raised nearly \$40,000 to support Cathedral Arts Project’s afterschool arts program.

“For the fourth year, 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,” said Kimberly Hyatt, executive director of Cathedral Arts. “As one of our parents put it, ‘This is what every child needs.’”

Cathedral Arts was established in 1993 to reach underserved children in Duval County through arts-based, after-school programming. Today, the organization is 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 City of Jacksonville, Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, the State of Florida’s Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

More than 1,200 students enrolled in Cathedral Arts’ afterschool classes this school year. By providing visual and performing arts instruction, CAP empowers underserved school-aged children to succeed in all areas of their lives.

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