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Fort Wayne Museum of Art receives Wells Fargo grant

\$25,000 grant will support programs for underserved audiences

FORT WAYNE, IND., August 23, 2018 – The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$25,000 grant from Wells Fargo & Company. The funds support socially responsible programs that target the community's underserved audiences.

The funding will give students an opportunity to tour the museum, attend orientation classes, and participate in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards exhibition through the Pre-K to 12 education programs; or join the Hope Gap Project, a program for creative inner-city high school students. Each year, 8,000 Indiana students participate in the School Tour program, which offers docent educator-led museum tours that correlate with state curricular standards.

The grant also will help fund the Meet Me at Fort Wayne Museum of Art program and Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) activities, both of which are held annually in the fall. In partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter, the Meet Me at Fort Wayne Museum of Art program enables adult patrons with early-stage Alzheimer's disease and other forms of early-stage dementia to experience the visual arts in a format that meets their needs.

"The Fort Wayne Museum of Art enhances our quality of life by offering ongoing arts education for youth, providing accessibility and specialized docent training for elderly visitors, showcasing our community's multi-cultural diversity through its exhibits and programs, and much more," said Tim Poppens, complex manager for Wells Fargo Advisors. "Wells Fargo is extraordinarily proud to continue supporting this important humanities icon in our beloved city of Fort Wayne."

"We are honored, again, to be awarded this significant support by our longtime corporate partner, Wells Fargo Bank. Together we will provide valuable and much needed programming to thousands of children, adults, and seniors in the region," said Charles Shepard, president & CEO of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

About the Fort Wayne Museum of Art

Founded in 1888, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art is Northeast Indiana's leading visual arts institution. The museum regularly exhibits nationally acclaimed artists and features a permanent collection including works by Mark di Suvero, Andy Warhol, and Kara Walker. FWMoA is committed to the collection, preservation, and presentation of American and related art, in an effort to engage, educate, and add value to the lives of broad and diverse audiences throughout the community and region. The museum is a funded partner of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne and receives support from the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. www.fwmoa.org

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