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Tampa, FL – **Community Foundation Donors Make an Impact Through the Arts**

They also make an impact on the lives of individuals who might not otherwise experience the inspiration and fulfillment that self-expression through the arts provides. Scholarships for a dance class at the Patel Conservatory, interactive demonstrations at public elementary and high schools with the Senior Laureate winner of the nationally known Sphinx Competition through The Florida Orchestra, at-risk youth participating in the Youth Arts Corps where they are learning job and life skills in combination with an arts education program – these are but a few of the grants being made in our community.

Foundation donors are serious about their commitment to arts and culture in Tampa Bay as evidenced by the following:

- The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay administers 57 funds that provide financial support to the arts in Tampa Bay. These include nonprofit endowment funds like Great Explorations – The Hands-On Museum, and donor designated funds like the Ray and Nancy Murray Fund for the Pinellas Youth Symphony and the Patel Conservatory Tampa Bay Youth Orchestra.
- **Collectively, these 57 funds represent \$14.2 million in arts endowments.**

- The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay had a record-breaking year for grant making last year, providing \$8.8 million in overall funding. Of that amount, \$1.5 million or 17.1% of all Foundation grants went to arts and culture.
- Grant making to the arts in the Tampa Bay area exceeds the national average for

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community foundations. Nationally, the percentage of philanthropic dollars granted out to arts and culture stands at 13.9% (Source: Foundation Center, "Foundation Giving Trends"; *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, March 9, 2006). Historically, the Foundation has an average of 14.7% of all of its grants going to arts and culture.

- The Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center has been the major recipient of Foundation grants over the years. Grants to the Center and to its foundation total \$3.5 million since 1999, primarily through the endowment funds created by Carol and Frank Morsani.
- The Florida Orchestra ranks second in donor grant making with \$1.4 million since 1999.
- Other favorites of Foundation donors include Ruth Eckerd's Performing Arts Center, The Tampa Museum of Art, WEDU, and MOSI (the Museum of Science and Industry).
- Recent grants include
 - funding through the Frank E. Duckwall Fund within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay for the acquisition of photography for the Tampa Museum of Art
 - funding for jazz programming at WUSF
 - five endowed chairs for The Florida Orchestra – one from a Pasco donor and four from Greater St. Petersburg donors
 - funding to enable disadvantaged youth to attend First Night in St. Petersburg
 - funding to support the Riverview High School Drama Dept. for their productions

The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and its divisions in Greater Sun City Center, Pasco County, and Greater St. Petersburg will be honoring these generous and visionary funders at their annual donor appreciation event on Wednesday evening. The theme of this year's event focuses on the arts in Tampa Bay. It will be held at the Salvador Dali Museum where the keynote speakers will be Judith Powers-Jones, Executive Director of the Pinellas County Arts Council, and Art Keeble, Executive Director of the Hillsborough County Arts Council. They will address the importance of the economic and social impact of the arts on our communities.

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About the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay

The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay was established in 1990 to build a better community through creative philanthropy, vision and leadership. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization which administers funds established by individuals, corporations, private foundations and nonprofit organizations to support the charitable needs of the Tampa Bay area. The work of the Foundation is enhanced through its divisions in Greater Sun City Center, Pasco County, and Greater St. Petersburg. The Foundation currently administers more than \$115 million in assets, placing it in the top 100 of nearly 700 community foundations nationwide.
