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The Arts Council of Martin County is pleased to announce that we have an endowed fund with the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

“This action is a result of five years of commitment by the Board of Directors to accomplishing the goals in our strategic plan,” stated Thomas Winter, Arts Council board chairman. He continued “Focusing on our long term future and legacy by planning for long term financial stability was a vision the board and staff readily committed themselves to. This was driven by our passion for achieving a lasting legacy for the future of a vibrant arts community in Martin County.”

Through a competitive selection process via the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, the Arts Council of Martin County was selected to participate in and subsequently qualified for a “Forever Arts” matching gift of \$25,000 for an opening balance in our new endowment fund of \$50,000.

“The decision to participate in the Forever Arts campaign was an easy one,” commented Nancy Turrell, executive director. “Partnering with the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties through this campaign was ideal not only because of the matching funds but because of the resources we now have to help our donors meet their lifetime philanthropic dreams.”

“The nonprofit organizations you see here as the Forever Arts & Culture Endowment Challenge winners are the shining examples of sustainability and forward thinking to other local nonprofits. They will make a lasting impact in our community because they will be serving those individuals in need for years to come,” said Brad Hurlburt, President and CEO at the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. “Building a long-term, revenue-producing endowment is one of the best ways a nonprofit organization can build a stable financial future.”

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties is one of Florida’s largest community foundations. The nonprofit organization has invested more than \$121 million in grants and scholarships over its 44-year history. At its core, the Community Foundation is an organization created with gifts from generous people committed to local causes. For donors, the Foundation serves as a philanthropic advisor. For the community, the Foundation serves as a grant maker and a civic leader. Through the support of its donors and fundholders, the Foundation has been able to address some of the community’s most pressing needs, including hunger, housing and education. For more information, visit www.yourcommunityfoundation.org.

ABOUT THE ARTS COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY: The Council inspires participation in, and a passion for the arts in our community by offering services and programs to visual and performing artists, arts organizations, students and the public. For more information, please call 772-287-6676 or visit www.martinarts.org. The Arts Council is sponsored in part by the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, the National Endowment of the Arts, the City of Stuart, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, and private contributions.