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The Spirit Charitable Foundation Sponsors Free Summer Museum Field Trips to NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale

The donation supports the Museum on the Move program, funding summer field trips for Broward County students from low-income communities

FORT LAUDERDALE — June 14, 2022 — Today, the Spirit Charitable Foundation announces the donation of \$25,000 to NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale to fund Museum on the Move, an innovative education program that invites Broward County students grades 1-12 to experience NSU Art Museum. With this donation, approximately 3,000 students in Broward County, primarily from Title I schools and summer camps in marginalized communities, will be able to participate in the free, in-person art enrichment program from June 2022 to May 2023. This donation will also allow for the continuation of

Museum on the Move field trips throughout the 2022-2023 school year. This marks the first donation NSU Art Museum has received from the Spirit Charitable Foundation and the largest gift Nova Southeastern University has received from Spirit Airlines to date.

"NSU Art Museum believes the arts play an integral role in the lives of young children as it can nurture skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, empathy and teamwork among others," said Bonnie Clearwater, Director and Chief Curator of NSU Art Museum. "We extend our sincerest appreciation to Spirit Airlines for this support of our Museum on the Move program, which will further our mission of making the arts accessible to all, regardless of income."

Due to COVID restrictions, NSU Art Museum was offering Museum on the Move virtually since March 2020, but recently resumed in-person field trips to the Museum and free art workshops. Consequently, there has been a rising, significant demand from Broward Summer Schools, Parks and Recreation departments, camps, and other not-for-profit organizations serving youth from low-income families to enjoy in-person field trips to NSU Art Museum. This commitment from the Spirit Charitable Foundation will expand Museum on the Move's free, in-person field trips to the Museum and free art workshops to approximately 3,000 students in Broward County, primarily from Title I schools and summer camps in marginalized communities.

"We invest in organizations that have a meaningful impact on the lives of children and families, and we're humbled to partner with NSU to support an exceptional program like Museum on the Move," said Lania Rittenhouse, President of the Spirit Charitable Foundation and Vice President of Guest Experience & Brand for Spirit Airlines. "We believe increased engagement with the arts can provide children with a world of possibilities, and we're proud to help create these experiences for so many students across Broward County."

Museum on the Move is an educational program that enhances learning and increases engagement with the arts by involving students in stimulating tours of the Museum's exhibitions and collections, and hands-on art activities based on principles of STEAM (science, technology, art, engineering, math) and 21st Century learning skills. The program offers tours of art exhibitions and corresponding art workshops conducted by the Museum's educators which promote the benefits of artistic experimentation in the child's well-being.

NSU Art Museum is located in the hub of the South Florida Art Coast, situated midway between Miami and Palm Beach in the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale. The Museum is a premier destination for exhibitions and programs encompassing all facets of civilization's visual history. For more information, please visit https://nsuartmuseum.org or follow the Museum on social media @nsuartmuseum.

About NSU Art Museum

Founded in 1958, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale is a premier destination for exhibitions and programs encompassing many facets of civilization's visual history. Located midway between Miami and Palm Beach in downtown Fort Lauderdale's arts and entertainment district, the Museum's 83,000 square-foot building, which opened in 1986, was designed by architect Edward Larrabee Barnes and contains over 25,000 square feet of exhibition space, the 256 -seat Horvitz auditorium, a museum store and café. In 2008, the Museum became part of Nova Southeastern University (NSU), one of the largest private research universities in the United States. NSU Art Museum is known for its significant collection of Latin American art, contemporary art with an emphasis on art by Black, Latinx and women artists, African art

that spans the 19th to the 21st-century, as well as works by American artist William Glackens, and the European Cobra group of artists. Two scholarly research centers complement the collections: The Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman Latin American Art Study Center and the William J. Glackens Study Center.

Exhibitions and programs at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale are made possible in part by a challenge grant from the David and Francie Horvitz Family Foundation. Funding is also provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Community Foundation of Broward, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

Other major funding for Museum on the Move is provided by The Jerry Taylor & Nancy Bryant Foundation, The Wege Foundation, Lillian S. Wells Foundation Inc., Paddock Family Foundation, Beaux Arts, Friends of NSU Art Museum, Wells Fargo, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, Comerica Bank and GL Homes.

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