



Three Small Arts Organizations Selected for Support by The Community Foundation

Recipients are Florida Ballet at Jacksonville, Hope at Hand and St. Johns County Cultural Council

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – April 1, 2015 — The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida is pleased to announce that it has awarded three Art Ventures Small Arts Professional Development grants. The recipients are:

The Florida Ballet at Jacksonville was awarded \$2,500 to fund two of its Conservatory and Training teachers to continue certification in the American Ballet Theatre Training Curriculum in New York, NY.

Hope at Hand, which provides art and poetry therapy to women, children and elders in crisis, received \$2,500 to send five therapists to the National Association of Poetry Therapy conference in Black Mountain, NC.

The St. Johns County Cultural Council received \$2,500 to support a marketing workshop for artists presented by the National Arts Marketing Program and Americans for the Arts.

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida invests in Professional Development as a way to develop sustainable organizational practices. The grants are given to small arts organizations for training, conferences, coaching, and other opportunities in order to help them build capacity as nonprofit leaders.

Applications for the 2015 Professional Development grants are now closed. Small arts organizations that may want to apply for an Art Ventures Fund Capacity Building grant for up to \$5,000 may do so until May 15, 2015. For more information, go to <http://www.jaxcf.org/receive/apply/small-arts>

The Art Ventures Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida has been nurturing individual artists and small arts organizations for 25 years. It is comprised of donations from many individuals interested in supporting arts and culture in Northeast Florida, as well as several endowed funds, including the J. Shepard Bryan, Jr. and Mary Ann Bryan Arts Endowment, the Independent Life Minority Arts Award Fund, the Anne and Sallyn Pajcic Art Ventures Endowment, and the Allyn Sharpe Fund.

For more information about The Community Foundation's support of the arts, go to www.jaxcf.org/the-arts or contact Amy Crane, Program Director, acrane@jaxcf.org or (904) 356-4483.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Now in its 51st year, the Foundation has assets of more than \$312 million and has made grants in excess of \$332 million since 1964.





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