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**First Lady Karen Pence Donates Indiana –Made Glass Bowl from the Indiana
First Lady’s Charitable Foundation to FWMoA**

October 11, 2016 (Fort Wayne, IN) – The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is the proud recipient of a glass bowl that was commissioned by the Indiana First Lady’s Charitable Foundation in honor of the state’s bicentennial.

The FWMoA was one of 4 organizations selected by Mrs. Pence and her Foundation to receive Indiana-made items that were part of the décor at the First Lady’s Luncheon in previous years. Other recipients included the Indiana Archives, the Indiana State Museum, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources including all State Parks.

The glass bowl, by Kokomo Opalescent Glass, features undulating sides in blue glass with a yellow band around its rim. It will be on display at FWMoA beginning October 18.

The First Lady’s Charitable Foundation’s purpose was to encourage and support youth and families of Indiana. The beneficiaries included individuals, schools, communities, families and family support organizations, along with arts organizations. The Foundation was created to foster an even better understanding and love for the State of Indiana; while encouraging and supporting Hoosiers wanting to be better citizens. Mrs. Pence and the Foundation Board awarded grants that benefitted all 92 counties.

About the Fort Wayne Museum of Art: Beginning with art classes in 1888 given by J. Ottis Adams and later William Forsyth, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art has evolved into a center for the visual arts community in Northeast Indiana. Regularly exhibiting regional and nationally acclaimed artists, the FWMoA also boasts an extensive permanent collection of American Art, including the Steven Sorman Archives and more than 300 pieces of Brilliant Cut Glass. The Museum is committed to the collection, preservation, presentation and interpretation of American and related art to engage broad and diverse audiences throughout the community and region, and add value to their lives. The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is a funded partner of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne.

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