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**Fort Wayne Museum of Art receives Wells Fargo grant
*\$25,000 grant will support programs for underserved audiences***

FORT WAYNE, IN, June 20, 2017 –The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$25,000 grant from Wells Fargo & Company. The funds support socially responsible programs that target the community’s underserved audiences.

The funding will give students an opportunity to tour the museum, attend orientation classes, and participate in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards exhibition through the Pre-K12 education programs; or join the Hope Gap Project, a program for creative inner-city high school students. Each year, 8,000 Indiana students participate in the School Tour program, which offers docent educator-led museum tours that correlate with state curricular standards.

“At Wells Fargo, we all work together for the customer,” said Timothy Poppens, wealth investment manager from the Private Client Group. “Our longstanding relationship with, and commitment to, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art stems from the belief that art provokes, inspires, and increases understanding for our team members, customers and the community.”

The grant also will help fund the Meet Me at Fort Wayne Museum of Art program and Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) activities, both of which are held annually in the fall. In partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter, the Meet Me at Fort Wayne Museum of Art program enables adult patrons with early-stage Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of early-stage dementia to experience the visual arts in a format that meets their needs.

“We are honored that Wells Fargo has chosen our organization to support with this generous grant,” said president and CEO of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art Charles Shepard. “It is only through investments like this that we can reach the people who often encounter barriers to the arts.”

About the Fort Wayne Museum of Art

Founded in 1888, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art is Northeast Indiana’s leading visual arts institution. The museum regularly exhibits nationally acclaimed artists and features a permanent collection including works by Mark di Suvero, Andy Warhol, and Kara Walker.

FWMoA is committed to the collection, preservation, and presentation of American and related art, in an effort to engage, educate, and add value to the lives of broad and diverse audiences throughout the community and region. The museum is a funded partner of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne and receives support from the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. www.fwmoa.org

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