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14th annual Spring for the Arts to honor Marisa Martire, celebrate 25 years of arts education

The 14th annual *Spring for the Arts*, presented by FIS, will be held Friday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at The River Club in Downtown Jacksonville.

Since its inception, CAP's signature fundraiser has generated nearly \$5 million for arts education in Duval County, contributing to the more than \$18 million the organization has raised in its 25-year history.

This year, CAP is pleased to honor Marisa Martire as the Guardian of the Arts Award recipient for her efforts to safeguard and advance the arts along the First Coast. Marisa has served on CAP's board since 2010 and manages, without fail, to ensure all initiatives focus on the children CAP serves.

"Marisa's heart for children is palpable to anyone in her presence," said Rev. Kimberly Hyatt, CAP president and CEO. "She could not be more dedicated to helping our community's children, especially the most vulnerable, unleash their creative spirits."

Marisa and her husband Frank, former president and CEO of FIS, chaired CAP's Angels of the Arts campaign for three years, breaking fundraising records every year. Because of the Martires, FIS has been a long-time supporter of CAP and its mission to enrich the quality of life in Northeast Florida through unleashing the creative spirit of young people.

"FIS is honored to be the presenting sponsor of *Spring for the Arts* this year," said Gary Norcross, president and CEO of FIS. "Nourishing creative expression transforms our youth and strengthens communities for generations to come. And at FIS, we know that by empowering our youth, we're creating a better future. We are grateful to CAP for empowering thousands of children in Jacksonville through arts education."

To learn more about *Spring for the Arts*, purchase tickets or sponsor the event, visit capkids.ejoinme.org/sfta2018.

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The Cathedral Arts Project is the leading nonprofit provider of quality, comprehensive and ongoing instruction in the visual and performing arts for elementary and middle school students in Duval County. The driving force behind all CAP programs is the belief that the arts matter – they provide essential skills, like creative thinking, perseverance, teamwork and self-discipline, that benefit all people in all areas of their lives.

Too often, certain populations of students do not have access to an arts-rich education because of limited access and resources in their schools, communities or homes. Yet these are the students for which the arts can have the strongest and longest-lasting impacts. CAP needs your support to accomplish its vision for every child in Northeast Florida to have access to a well-rounded, arts-rich education that endows his or her spirit with the imagination, self-confidence and strength of character that inspires great leadership and a will to succeed. Learn more at capkids.org.