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15th annual *Spring for the Arts* raises over \$600,000 for arts education

The Cathedral Arts Project's 15th annual *Spring for the Arts*, presented by FIS, was held Friday, April 26, at The River Club in Downtown Jacksonville.

The organization's signature fundraiser honored Jennifer Glock and Michael Ward with the Guardian of the Arts Award and raised more than \$600,000 for arts education in Duval County this year. Since its inception, *Spring for the Arts* has generated more than \$6 million for arts education in our community.

CAP Board President and *Spring for the Arts* Event Chair, Beth Jennison, spoke of the importance of arts education and the need for increased support. CAP board member and Florida Blue North Market President Darnell Smith was the emcee for the evening, encouraging attendees to donate more than \$100,000 through the Fund-A-Child live auction.

"I am blown away by the generosity of residents and businesses in support of our shared vision for every child to have access to an arts-rich education," said CAP President & CEO Kimberly Hyatt. "As *Spring for the Arts* has continued to raise more money, we've been able to serve more children. This will have a lasting impact on these children, their families and our community for years to come."

CAP would especially like to thank Event Chair Beth Jennison, FIS and the 75+ sponsors who made the event possible; as well as The AutoValet, The Chris Thomas Band, Glenn Certain Floral + Event Designs, The River Club and numerous board members and volunteers for helping execute another successful event.

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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.

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