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DESTIN COMMONS COINS FOR A CAUSE AWARDS \$10,000 FOR ARTS EDUCATION

DESTIN, FLORIDA – AUGUST 31, 2016 – The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) is a proud recipient of the Destin Commons Coins for a Cause fund which benefits local charities from parking meter collections at Destin Commons. MKAF's All Kinds of Art educational outreach program received \$10,000 to help support the arts education initiatives serving Okaloosa and Walton counties.

Melanie Moore, MKAF Education Director stated, "We are so grateful for this generous gift from Destin Commons Coins for a Cause that will enable us to expand our arts outreach efforts to serve not only K-12 students, but also children and adults with special needs and a pilot program with local wounded warriors."

With a comprehensive program encompassing the visual and performing arts, All Kinds of Art serves as a bridge to those who lack access to arts programming, delivering artists in residence, theatrical and musical productions to K-12 schools, United Way Agencies, and other institutions serving diverse audiences. AKA has made great strides in accommodating the many individuals with special needs who have physical or social barriers preventing their active participation in many arts experiences with customized programs brought directly to them. Moving forward, All Kinds of Art continues its 21-year tradition to serving the needs of the community through the transformative and therapeutic power of the arts.

Since 1995, MKAF has funded hundreds of art curriculum and professional artist residencies empowering over 280,000 people of all abilities. To become an AKA Friend or join MKAF's arts family, please visit www.MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org.

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