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The Arts and Education Council receives \$75,000 from the Arthur and Helen Baer Charitable Foundation

St. Louis, MO / June 3, 2008, The Arts and Education Council will receive a \$75,000 grant from the Arthur and Helen Baer Charitable Foundation to expand and enhance the impact of the Arthur and Helen Baer Visual Arts Galleries.

The Centene Center for Arts and Education, a vital part of the midtown arts community, is home to the Arthur and Helen Baer Visual Arts Galleries as well as 14 arts organizations. Since opening in 2006, the Galleries have displayed eleven exhibitions from nine local arts organizations.

The Directors of the Arthur and Helen Baer Charitable Foundation "are pleased to provide this funding as it furthers Mr. Baer's interest in the urban development of St. Louis and Mrs. Baer's interest in the visual arts."

The gift of \$75,000 from the Arthur and Helen Baer Charitable Foundation will provide additional programming and amenities for the Arthur and Helen Baer Visual Arts Galleries. James F. Weidman, President, Arts and Education Council, noted the importance of this gift, "The Arthur and Helen Baer Visual Arts Galleries allow the Council to expand our mission of investing in the arts by showcasing the tremendous work of our funded organizations and the impact of this work in our community. The Arts and Education Council is extremely grateful for this donation by the Arthur and Helen Baer Charitable Foundation, a civic leader that enables us to *keep art happening* for everyone."

The Arthur and Helen Baer Visual Arts Galleries are open weekdays from 10am – 4 pm and for special events. Visit www.KeepArtHappening.org for more information.

The Arts and Education Council enriches the vibrancy of the St. Louis community by investing in art organizations and growing the base of local arts supporters.

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