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ArtReach, Inc. Receives \$10,000 Grant from Staples Foundation for Learning
Funds will support Arts Benefiting Kids program

DENVER (June 30, 2008) – ArtReach, Inc., a non-profit organization committed to youth arts education, announced today it has received a \$10,000 grant from Staples Foundation for Learning (SFFL), a private foundation created by Staples, Inc. Funding from SFFL will support Arts Benefiting Kids, a program that provides underserved youth with access to arts and cultural experiences.

Arts Benefiting Kids enables youth in low-income communities to gain a comprehensive arts education through after-school programs, hands-on art workshops, performances and tours of local museums. Through this program, students gain multicultural arts experiences where they participate in a myriad of visual and performing arts activities from origami to improvisational theater that enable them to interact with peers and professional artists from different ethnic backgrounds.

“ArtReach believes anyone and everyone should have the opportunity to experience life through art and culture,” said Karla Johnson-Grimes, executive director of ArtReach. “Through Staples Foundation for Learning’s support, we will impact thousands of underserved youth in the metro Denver area with meaningful educational experiences.” “The arts break down barriers that high risk youth have towards education, help youth develop problem solving skills, and give them avenues to express their creativity.”

“Staples Foundation for Learning recognizes ArtReach’s commitment to providing opportunities for Denver youth to access arts education,” said Joy Errico, spokesperson for Staples Foundation for Learning. “Through innovative programs like Arts Benefiting Kids, youth adopt a positive attitude toward learning and enrich their cultural perspectives.”

About ArtReach

Established in 1974, ArtReach, Inc. is a Colorado 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization serving arts, cultural and human service organizations. ArtReach is the only organization in the Denver area that exists to ensure people of all ages who struggle with physical, mental, behavioral or severe economic challenges have an opportunity to experience arts and culture. ArtReach fosters community interactions by maintaining over 300 innovative long-term partnerships between diverse art and community agencies (social service agencies, public housing, long-term care facilities, parks and recreation departments, and schools). To learn more, please visit, <http://www.artreachdenver.org>.

About Staples Foundation for Learning

The mission of Staples Foundation for Learning, Inc. is to teach, train and inspire. Founded in 2002, the foundation has contributed more than \$12 million to national and local charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Staples Foundation for Learning has also developed lasting relationships with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Earth Force, Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City. In addition, Staples Foundation for Learning supports Ashoka, an organization that develops and supports social entrepreneurs around the world, in eight countries: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Spain and the United States. For more information about the foundation or how to apply for a grant, please visit <http://www.staplesfoundation.org>.

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