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To: CDFF Grantees and Community Members

From: CDFF Board Members

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When Christel DeHaan established the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation (CDFF), she had several objectives in mind. *"I had accomplished much through hard work and good luck and wanted to re-invest some of my wealth in our community. This is based off my philosophy, 'to care, to share, to make a difference'... I am also an advocate and believer in the rising trend of philanthropists creating a time limit on their giving - and choosing to avoid the creation of endowments that exist in perpetuity."*

Christel DeHaan provided a very clear outline for CDFF Board members that articulated her intention and desires for the Foundation following her death. *"At my death, I desire that the Foundation's corpus will be spent within 3 years. The Christel DeHaan Family Foundation will then cease to exist. Following my death, the Foundation should continue to provide annual support to arts organizations through a transition period. In the third year and final year for grant making, the corpus assets should be divvied up to designated organizations through Legacy Gifts. It is my intent that Legacy Gifts be granted to organizations whose artistic talents merit support and with whom special relationships existed."*

The list of eligible organizations to be considered for a Legacy Gift was determined by Christel DeHaan prior to her passing. While inclusion on the list does not guarantee a grant will be provided to an organization, the list is not open for the addition of other entities.

Foundation Board Members will oversee final Legacy Gift designations in 2023. Legacy Gifts will be subject to specific conditions. Specific parameters will be discussed with each individual organization on a case-by-case basis, with initial dialogue in 2021 and formal discussions in 2022 and 2023. If approved by the CDFF board, Legacy Gifts will be made in 2023 at the conclusion of the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation.

Established funding partnerships will be continued in 2021 and 2022, as CDFF continues its current mission and grant focus. Grant guidelines for 2021 and 2022 grants are shared on the Foundation website. All non-Legacy grantmaking activities of the Foundation will conclude at the end of 2022. This includes general operating grants, sponsorships, discretionary grants and special project support provided by the Foundation. We hope that this notification will allow you to plan for the closure of the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation and adequately prepare for the conclusion of its philanthropic support.

Christel's philanthropy was pursued as a partnership. It is that deeply held respect for the community and for all organizations supported by the Foundation that led us to share this communication and advanced notification of the Foundation's planned closure. It is the honor and privilege of the Board to oversee and steward Christel DeHaan's amazing philanthropic legacy of support and fulfill her wishes for the Foundation. Thank you.

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