

MEADOWS MUSEUM RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT FROM FICHTENBAUM CHARITABLE TRUST

Gift provides free field trips to area schools and expands free admission to all youth 18 and younger for the coming year

DALLAS (SMU)—August 18, 2022—SMU’s Meadows Museum received a one-year \$25,000 grant from Fichtenbaum Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Co-Trustee in support of its Education Department. The funds will cover admission fees for all students 18 and younger and chaperones for K-12 school groups visiting the museum between September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. The grant supplements an existing fund that provides \$200 transit scholarships to qualified schools, thereby making a field trip to the Meadows Museum little to no cost for K-12 schools. The grant also expands free youth admission to the museum to all students aged 18 and younger. Previously admission was free to children younger than age 12.

“We’re honored that the Fichtenbaum Charitable Trust has chosen to support the education efforts of the Meadows Museum,” said Meadows Museum Director of Education Anne Kindseth. “With school budgets under stress, this gift provides children an opportunity to engage in the arts, facilitating experiences that can spark a lifetime of creativity and intellectual curiosity.”

Hosting school visits has long been part of the museum’s outreach strategy; the museum’s education staff maintains regular contact with administrators and art teachers throughout the North Texas region, hosting teacher workshops and producing classroom materials that engage educators and facilitate class visits. Prior to the pandemic, more than 3,000 K-12 students/year visited the Meadows on field trips.

School group tours are offered in both English and Spanish, and a number of accommodations are available to visitors with special needs. To book a school group tour of the Meadows Museum, teachers should visit meadowsmuseumdallas.org/groups-tours/ and complete a tour request form. Staff can answer questions at either meadowsmuseumtours@smu.edu or 214-768-2740.

The Fichtenbaum Charitable Trust’s grant supports the University’s \$1.5 billion campaign, [SMU Ignited: Boldly Shaping Tomorrow](#), particularly the goal to [enhance campus and community](#), making a positive difference in Dallas and beyond with programs and partnerships that enrich the quality of life here.

About SMU

[SMU](#) is the nationally ranked global research university in the dynamic city of Dallas. SMU’s alumni, faculty and more than 12,000 students in eight degree-granting schools demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit as they lead change in their professions, communities, and the world. Building on its history of excellence, the University has

launched [SMU Ignited: Boldly Shaping Tomorrow](#) – a multiyear \$1.5 billion campaign to empower outstanding students, to enrich teaching and research, and to enhance our campus and community.

About the Meadows Museum

The [Meadows Museum](#) is the leading U.S. institution focused on the study and presentation of the art of Spain. In 1962, Dallas businessman and philanthropist Algur H. Meadows donated his private collection of Spanish paintings, as well as funds to start a museum, to Southern Methodist University. The museum opened to the public in 1965, marking the first step in fulfilling Meadows’s vision to create “a small Prado for Texas.” Today, the Meadows is home to one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of Spanish art outside of Spain. The collection spans from the 10th to the 21st centuries and includes medieval objects, Renaissance and Baroque sculptures, and major paintings by Golden Age and modern masters.

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