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THE FRICK PITTSBURGH PRESENTS THE ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES TO DENISE JOHNSON

PITTSBURGH, PA, September 14, 2020—The Frick Pittsburgh announces that Denise Johnson, a kindergarten teacher at Stanwood Elementary, which is part of the Hempfield School District New Stanton, PA, is the recipient of the 2020 Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities.

In 1999, the Roy A. Hunt Foundation worked with the Frick to establish this award. The *Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities* is given annually to a teacher or school in recognition of a demonstrated a commitment to participation in the Frick's educational programs and successful integration of the arts into the learning experience.

Ms. Johnson has been instrumental in arranging field trips for the entire Stanwood kindergarten class of 80 students to The Frick Pittsburgh for the past few years. As participants in the Tuneful Trip to the Frick program, students enjoy cultural experiences by singing, looking at art, exploring objects on display at The Frick Art Museum and the Car and Carriage Museum, and singing.

Amanda Dunyak Gillen, Director of Learning & Visitor Experience says, "The Learning & Visitor Experience Department is thrilled to present this award to Denise Johnson. Her enthusiasm for the role that museums have to play in enriching students' learning is evident in her belief in the value of visiting the Frick. She is committed to bringing her students each year and enthusiastically works with Frick educators to give her students the best experience possible." Stanwood Elementary received a plaque for display at the school, and a check in the amount of \$3,000 to help defray the cost of future field trips and enrichment activities.

ABOUT THE ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities was established at the Frick Pittsburgh through the efforts of Torrence M. Hunt, Sr. (1921–2004), a longtime Alcoa executive who was involved with many civic, educational, wildlife, and conservation groups. Following his retirement from Alcoa in 1982, Mr. Hunt served as senior trustee of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, named for his father and established in 1966. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Hunt and the Foundation, including Torrence M. Hunt, Jr., who serves as a trustee on the foundation's board, thousands of students have participated in enrichment activities through support provided by *The Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities.*

ABOUT LEARNING & VISITOR EXPERIENCE AT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

The Frick Pittsburgh offers educational programs for children, students, adults and families. During the Frick's last fiscal year (2019-2020), these programs served 11,158 individuals. For more information about the Frick and its educational programs, please visit <u>TheFrickPittsburgh.org</u>.

ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

Located on the Pittsburgh estate of late-19th-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, The Frick Pittsburgh is the steward of collections left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Frick's daughter, Helen Clay Frick. The permanent collections include fine and decorative arts, cars, carriages, historic objects, and buildings. The Frick experience includes The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, Clayton, the Frick family Gilded Age mansion, and six acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens. Also included are an Education Center, the Frick children's playhouse (designed by renowned architects Alden & Harlow), a large working greenhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), The Café at the Frick, and the Grable Visitor Center, which houses the Frick Museum Store.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Frick Pittsburgh is located at 7227 Reynolds Street in Pittsburgh's Point Breeze neighborhood. Free parking is available in the Frick's off-street lot or along adjacent streets. For information about hours of operation and visiting, the public may visit the Frick online at <u>TheFrickPittsburgh.org</u> or call 412-371-0600.

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