



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **THE FRICK PITTSBURGH PRESENTS THE ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES TO VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE**

PITTSBURGH, PA, December 20, 2021—The Frick Pittsburgh announces that Voices Against Violence, an organization that aims to empower youth and reduce interpersonal conflict among members of underserved communities in South Pittsburgh, is the recipient of the 2021 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.

The mission of Voices Against Violence is to strategically and proactively reduce interpersonal conflict among youth through activities focused on prevention and diversion. Voices Against Violence serves male and female youth ages 4 to 24 residing in South Pittsburgh communities. Youth are predominantly from Beltzhoover, Allentown, Arlington, Carrick, Knoxville, and Mt. Oliver, but also include Beechview, Bon, Air, Brookline, Mt. Washington, Overbrook, and the Southside.

Over the last 25+ years, this grassroots, community-focused organization has developed and implemented a wide variety of programming to serve area youth including numerous anti-violence and restorative justice programs, street violence intervention, conflict mediation and resolution, school-based

retention programs, as well as facilitated parent groups, managed summer employment programs, and cultivated other leaders who have since branched off to start their own programs. Since 1995, Voices Against Violence also hosts a free summer camp for area youth ages 4 to 14.

Amanda Dunyak Gillen, Director of Learning & Visitor Experience says, “The Learning Department at The Frick Pittsburgh is so pleased to give this award to Voices Against Violence. This is an organization that truly values incorporating the arts into their work with youth and families, and we are proud and excited to be a part of that.”

Voices Against Violence received a plaque for display, 150 passes to visit The Frick Art Museum, 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 2019-2020 fiscal year, these programs served 11,158 individuals. For more information about the Frick and its educational programs, please visit [TheFrickPittsburgh.org](http://TheFrickPittsburgh.org).

## ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

Located on the estate of 19<sup>th</sup>-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, The Frick Pittsburgh offers authentic experiences with art, history and nature that inspire and delight. Visitors of all ages and backgrounds are warmly welcomed to explore The Frick Art Museum, offering world-class collections of European art and Chinese porcelain alongside an active schedule of temporary exhibitions; Clayton, the Frick family's French chateau-style mansion (remodeled by architect Frederick J. Osterling in the 1890s); the Car and Carriage Museum; and a large working greenhouse designed by architects Alden & Harlow—all nestled on six acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens in Pittsburgh's East End. Amenities include an Education Center, the Frick children's playhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), The Café at the Frick, and the Grable Visitor Center, which houses the Frick Museum Store. Information about The Frick Pittsburgh is available online at [TheFrickPittsburgh.org](http://TheFrickPittsburgh.org).

## 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 [TheFrickPittsburgh.org](http://TheFrickPittsburgh.org) or call 412-371-0600.

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